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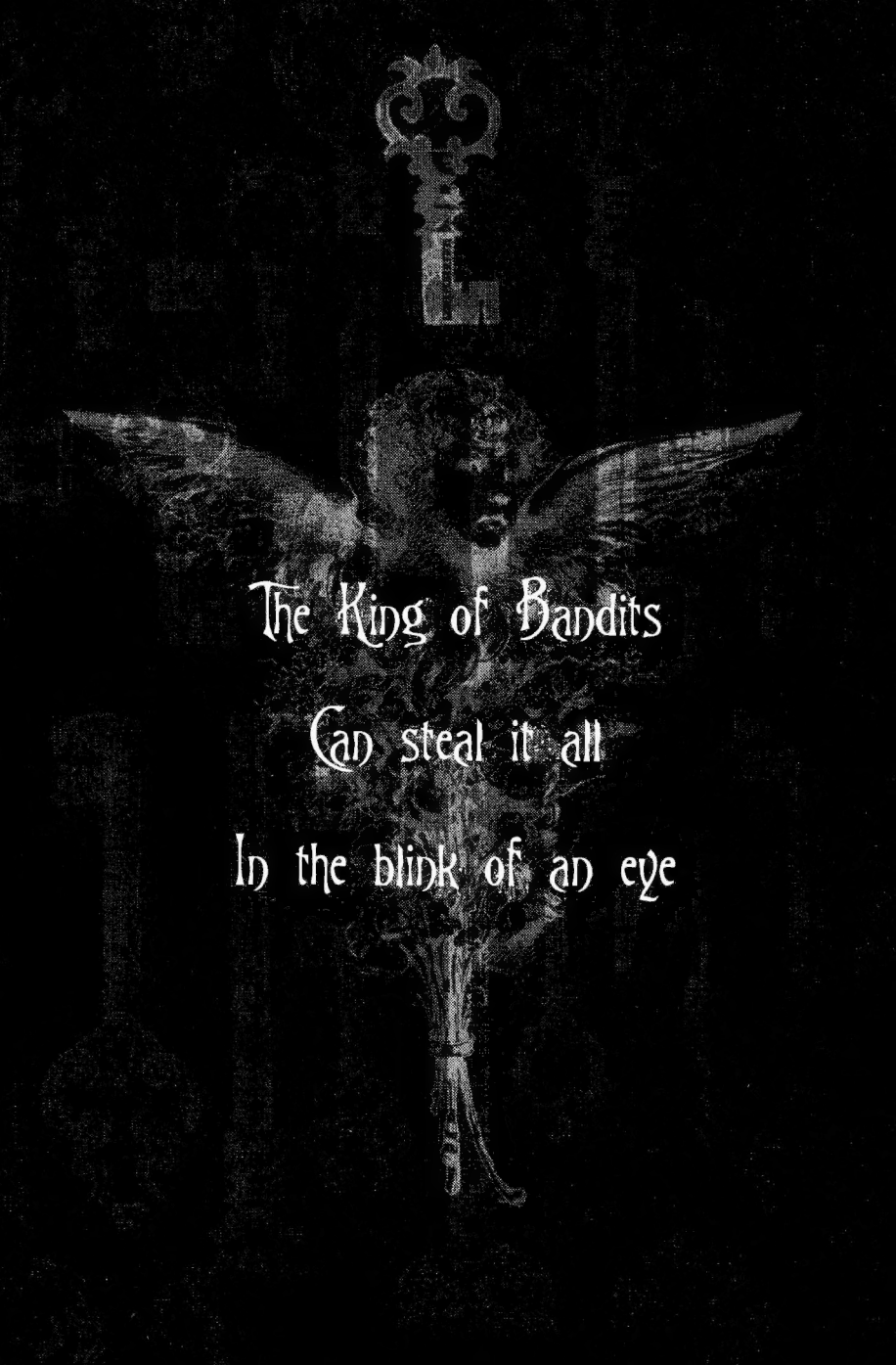
All that glitters...

Even the stars

All things precious...

Even your life


The King of Bandits
Can steal it all
In the blink of an eye

Holy Brain City: The Saga of Rusty Nail
5th SHOT - The Lady of Roentgen Street
THE CONTAGIONS INFECTING THE SHINKU MUST BE EXTRACTED!!!

SO...THE ORGANIC ORGAN IS ACTING STRANGELY, TOO?
MMM-HMM...IT SEEMS THE GREAT BRAIN IS NERVOUS.
THIS IS ALL THAT CONTAMINANT'S FAULT!
THOUGH THIS LITTLE BABY COULD USE A DIET HIMSELF...HE ALREADY WAS WAY OFF-KEY!

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Once upon a midnight dreary, a thief named Jing was weak and weary.
Many strange and forgotten lands he did traverse and did explore.
His companion was a bird, an odd one name of Kir
Who possessed a strange vocation, a less than honest occupation.
"Wake up, Jing" Kir muttered, "all around is loot galore!"

Thus this ebony bird's wiling, changed Jing's sadness into willing
As he set about to do the thing he truly did adore.
So the albatross sat proudly, on Jing's placid bust sang loudly
While his beady eyes explored the treasure stacked upon the floor.
One more thing that Kir did utter, his feathers all a greedy flutter
And his voice commenced a terrible dull roar,
Quoth the albatross, "Let's steal some more!"

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KING OF BANDITS

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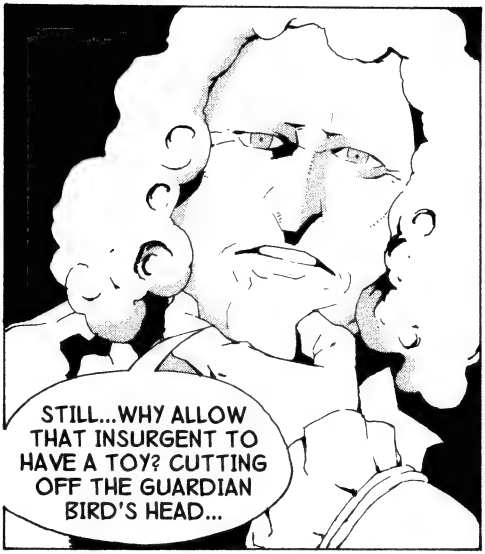
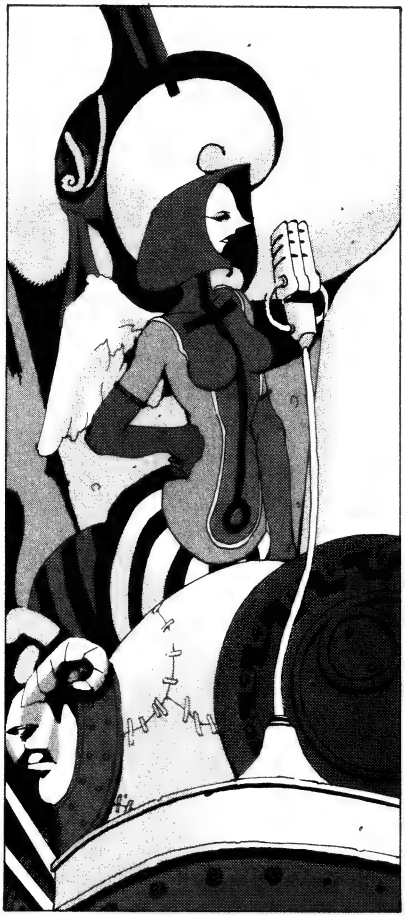
Story So Far...

Jing and Kir arrive at a city called Rusty Nail. Supposedly this strange town is controlled by the brain of "God," which they refer to as the "Shinka." Stealing the brain seems to be on Jing's agenda, but when he's cornered by a group of killer creatures in the town's cemetery, it looks like he might be a guest at his own funeral! The quick-witted Jing is able to escape by abducting one of their associates, a nurse named Shin Lu, who has quite a sad tale to tell...


STILL...WHY ALLOW THAT INSURGENT TO HAVE A TOY? CUTTING OFF THE GUARDIAN BIRD'S HEAD...



GUARDIAN? THIS CITY HAS NO GUARDIAN.

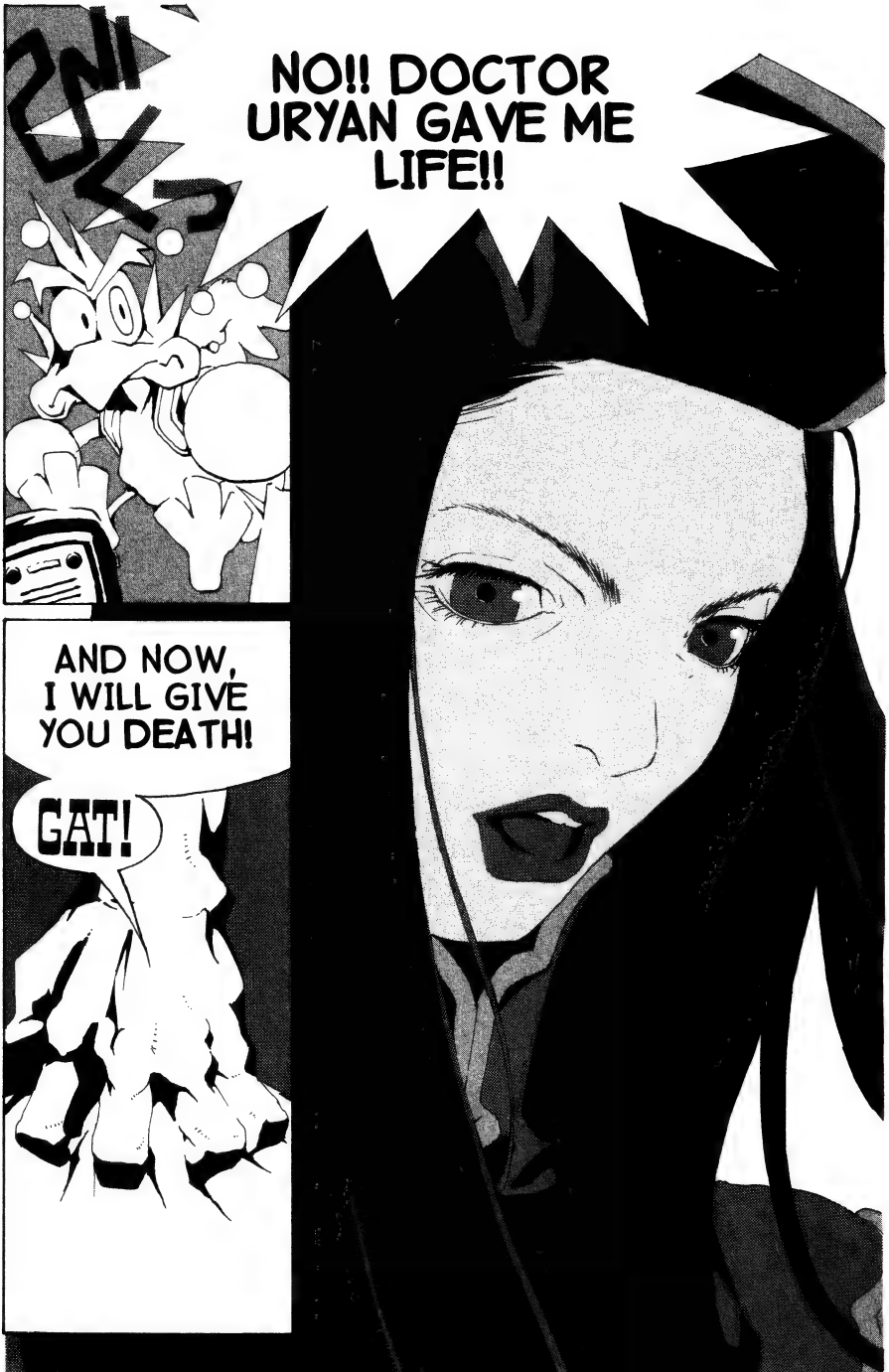
AFTER ALL, IS THIS NOT GOD'S CITY...BORN WITHOUT A MOTHER?

THE LADY OF RÖENTGEN STREET...?
YES. ONE RAINY DAY, 15 YEARS AGO...

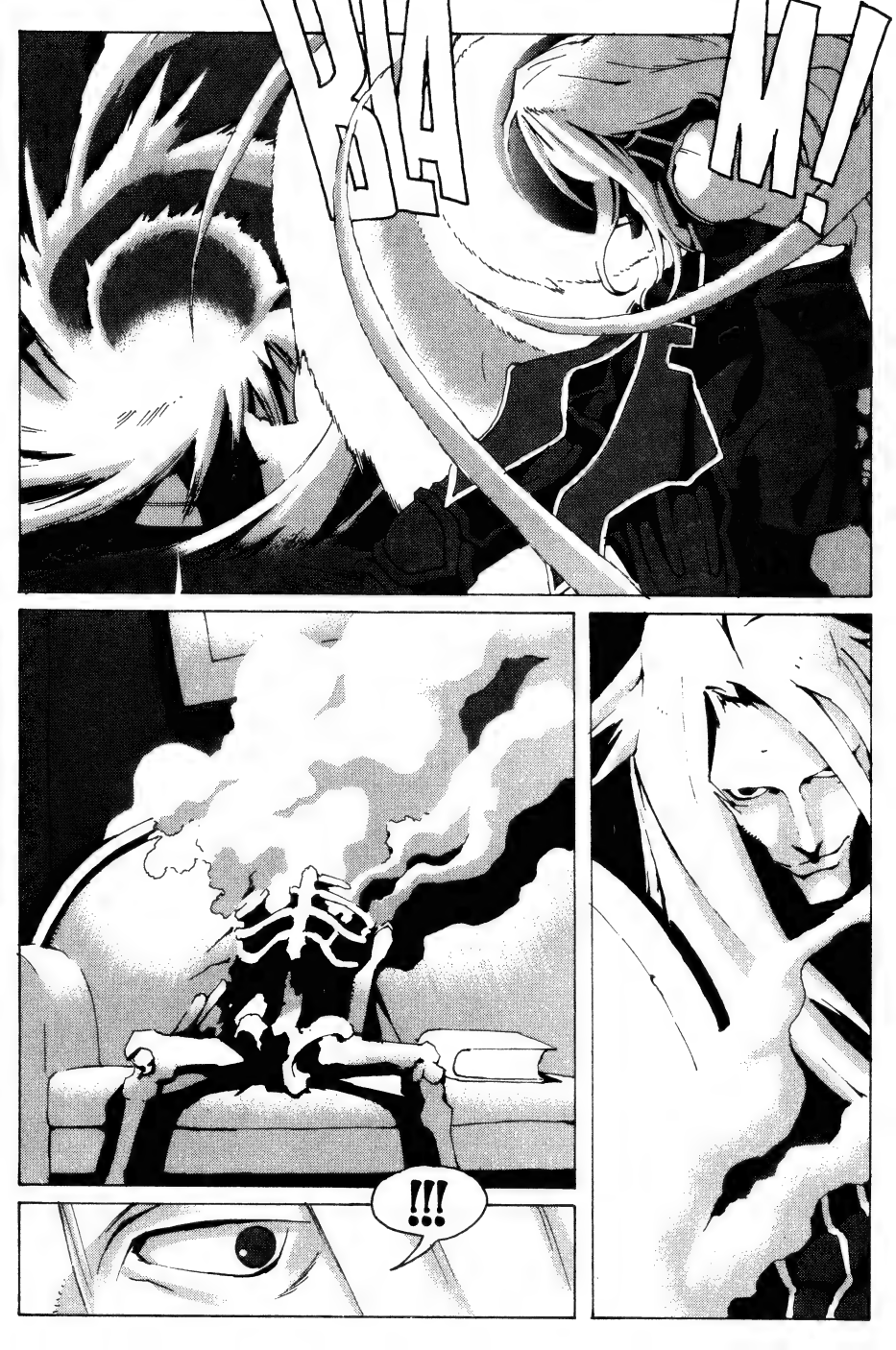
...A WOMAN LAY DYING ON ROENTGEN STREET, RIGHT HERE IN RUSTY NAIL.
LOVE
SHE WAS NO BEGGAR... IN FACT, SHE LOOKED STRANGELY NOBLE.
THERE WERE RUMORS THAT SHE WAS A FORMER COURTIER.
THOUGH SOME SAID SHE WAS A TRAVELING ACTRESS, AND THE FINERY SHE WORE MERE COSTUMES. THE ONE THING EVERYONE DID KNOW ABOUT HER...

...WAS THAT SHE WAS WITH CHILD. INSIDE THAT DEAD WOMAN, A CHILD'S HEART WAS BEATING.
FINALLY, A DOCTOR FOUND HER BODY...
...AND PULLED A LIVING BABY GIRL FROM IT.
I AM THAT GIRL...

...AND THAT IS THE ONLY PICTURE I HAVE OF MY MOTHER.
...AND FORCED TO SUBMIT TO HIS EVERY WHIM...
AND THEN, I SUPPOSE, OUR LITTLE ANGEL WAS TAKEN IN BY THE EVIL DOCTOR...
GAK
NN
MMMMMMMM
THAT AIN'T NO WAY TO TREAT A LADY!


NO!! DOCTOR URYAN GAVE ME LIFE!!
AND NOW, I WILL GIVE YOU DEATH!
GAT!

SORRY ABOUT THE WAIT... HAD TO GET A DOCTOR'S NOTE BEFORE I COULD KILL YOU.
NOW...TO ERADICATE THE POISON THAT INFESTS OUR PARADISE!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M!
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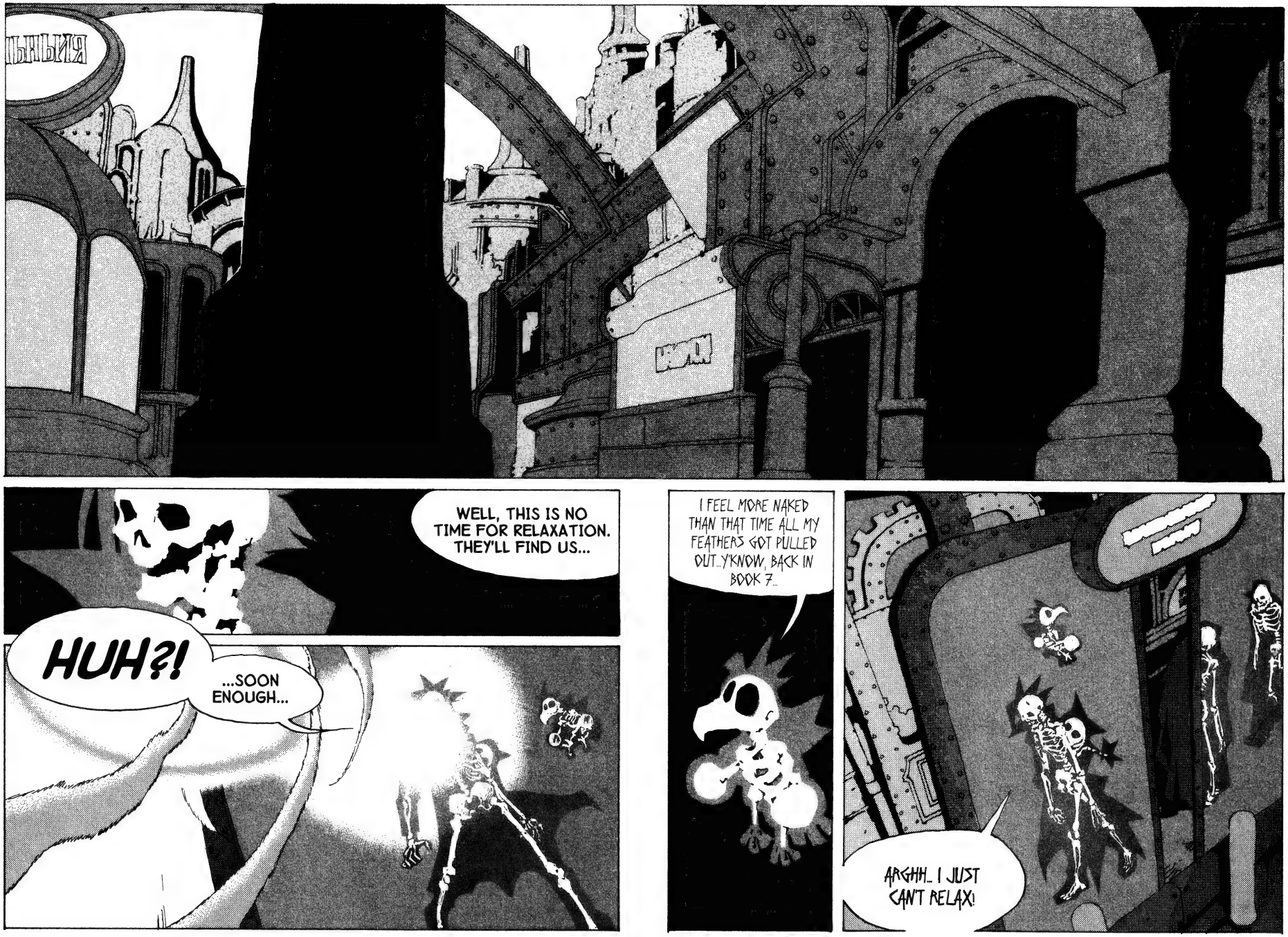
OH...
Kidnapping over. See ya!
GRRR...GRRR...GRRR...
GRRR...GRRR...GRRR...
GRRR...GRRR...GRRR...


WELL, THIS IS NO TIME FOR RELAXATION. THEY'LL FIND US...
HUH?!
...SOON ENOUGH...
I FEEL MORE NAKED THAN THAT TIME ALL MY FEATHERS GOT PULLED OUT... Y'KNOW, BACK IN BOOK 7...
ARGHH... I JUST CAN'T RELAX!

ICHI
ASHI
AND NOW...THE RESULTS OF YOUR EXAMINATION.
YOUR REMAINING LIFE SPAN...
...IS ONE HOUR!
HAHAHAHA!

ROENTGEN CENTRE
SO...HAVE A NICE LIFE... WHAT'S LEFT OF IT!

MAKE EVERY SECOND COUNT!
AH...ALREADY GONE, IS HE? PRETTY FAST, FOR A TERMINAL CASE...
WAIT... HE'S NOT HEADED TOWARDS THE SHINKU...OH. DAMN.
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HA!
WSSH
SWOOSH
Y'KNOW...BEFORE BLOODY CAESAR RETURNS.
SO...EVEN THE DOCTORS HAVE GIVEN UP ON ME?
HEY...YOU BETTER ESCAPE OUT THE BACK, KID.
OH...THAT GUY? WHAT IS HE, ANYWAY?!

A GUARD CREATED BY DR. URYAN. THE RINGLEADER OF THE SPIRITVARY.
HIS FOUR UNDERLINGS WERE MADE FROM CORPSES, Y'KNOW. EACH HAD A SEPARATE BLOOD TYPE...A, B, AB AND O.
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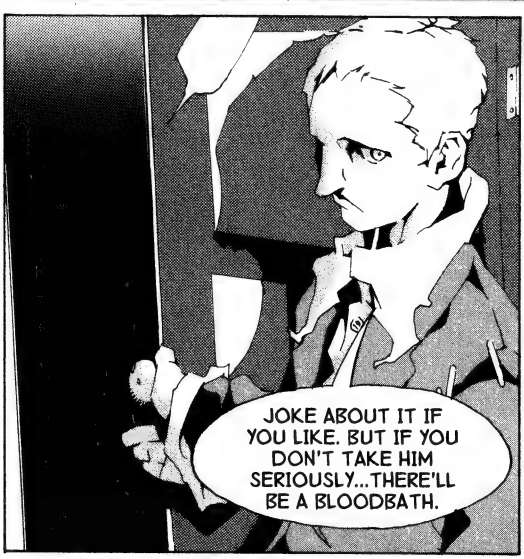
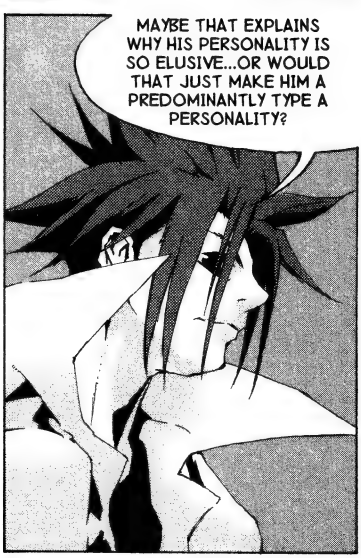
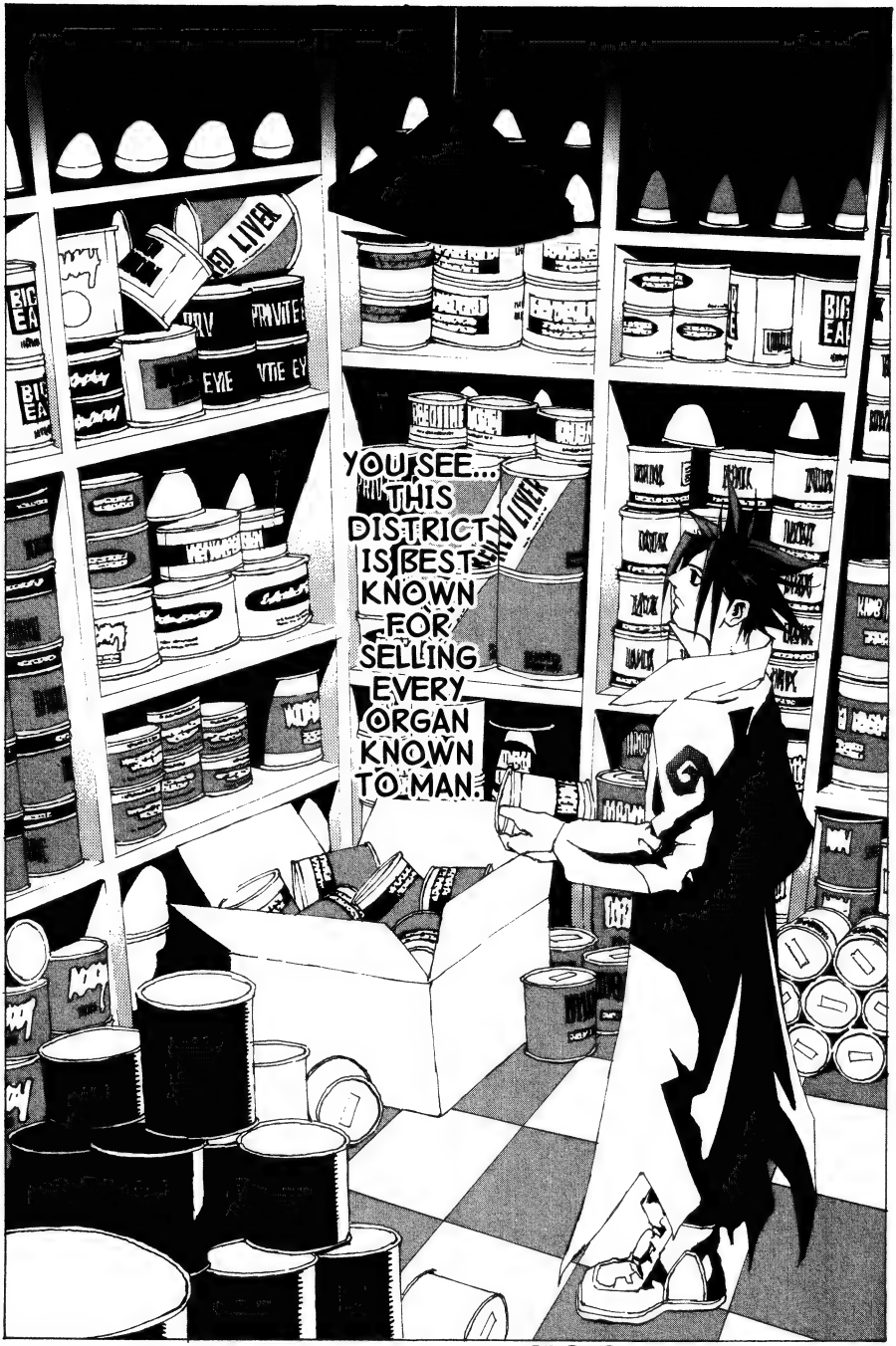




Editor's note: In Japan, people often base personality profiles on blood type--similar to horoscopes in the West.

YOU SEE, RIGHT NOW...THE GUARDIAN BIRD LIVES IN HIS RIGHT ARM.
GRRRRUMMBLE
GUARDIAN BIRD, MY ASS!! THE GREAT KIR LIVES IN JING'S RIGHT ARM!!
SWEETHEART
HEY, WHAT IS THIS STUFF? CANDY?
THOUGH THE GREAT KIR CAN'T WORK ON AN EMPTY STOMACH... MIND IF I EAT THIS?

!!?
WHAT? THIS ISN'T FOOD, EITHER?
OH, THAT? JUST THE HEART OF A LAUGHING CAT.
GACCKKK!!!
YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ROENTGEN STREET, DO YOU?
CLICK



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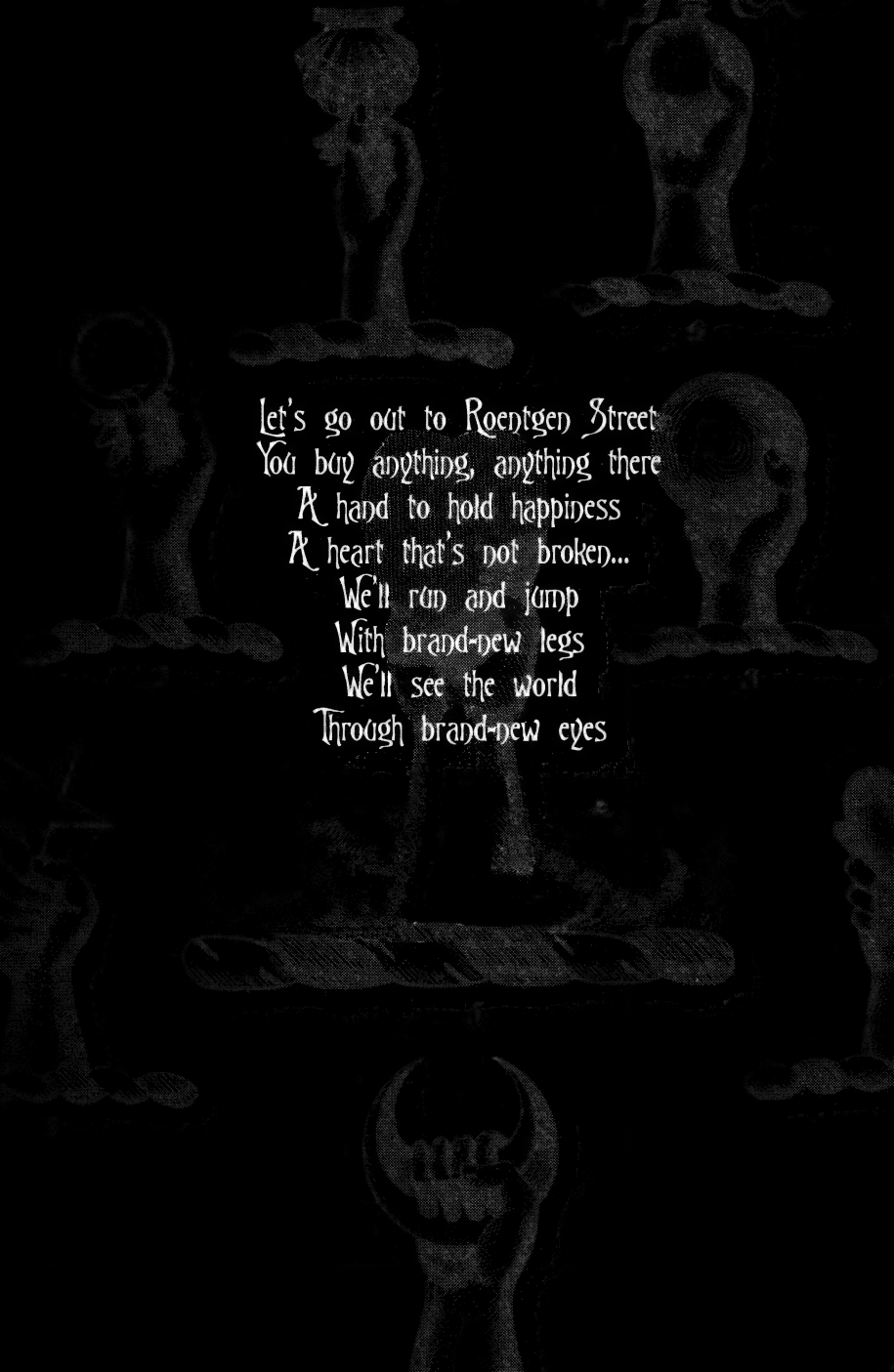
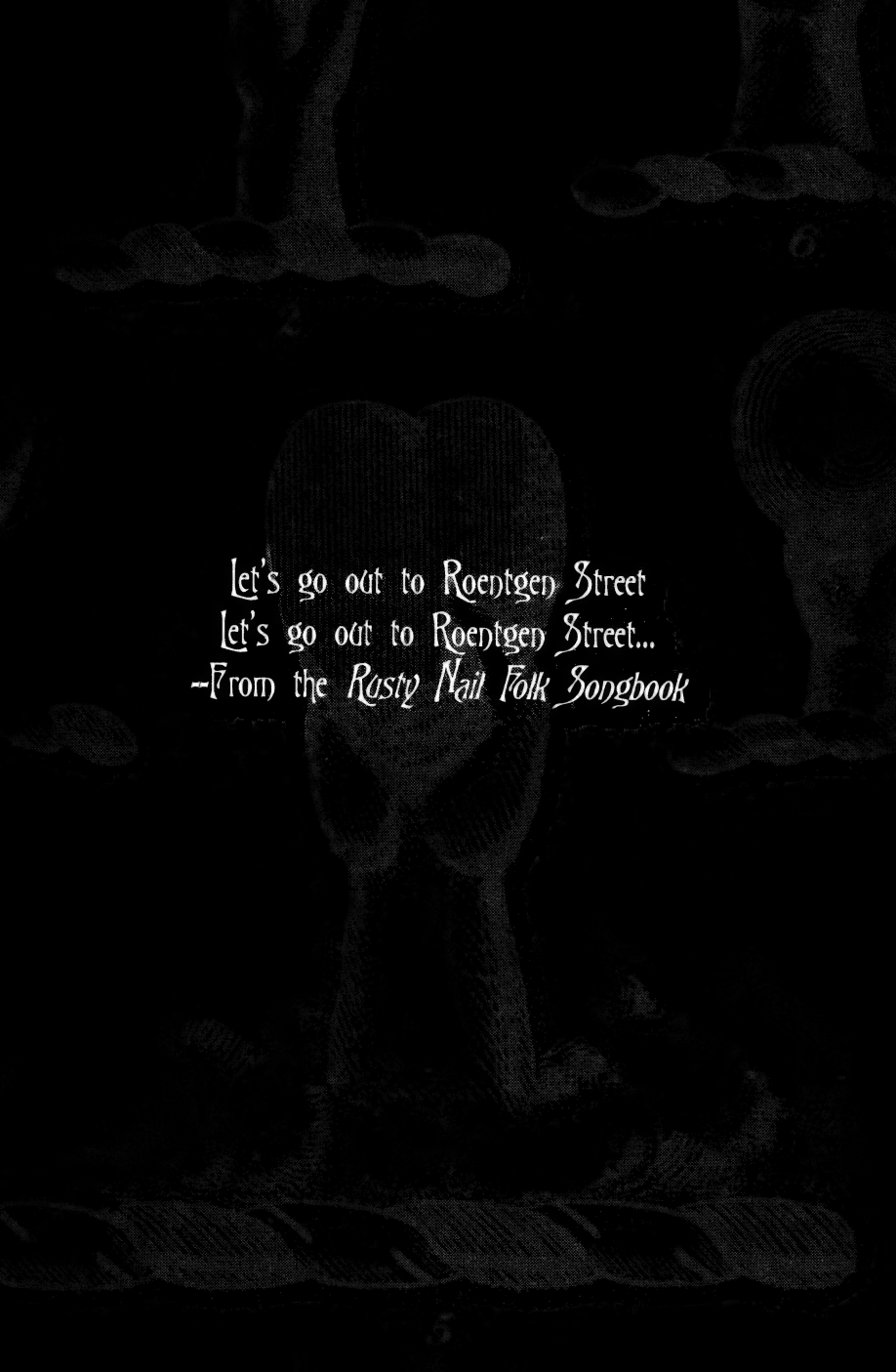

Let's go out to Roentgen Street
You buy anything, anything there
A hand to hold happiness
A heart that's not broken...
We'll run and jump
With brand-new legs
We'll see the world
Through brand-new eyes



Let's go out to Roentgen Street
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--From the *Rusty Nail Folk Songbook*

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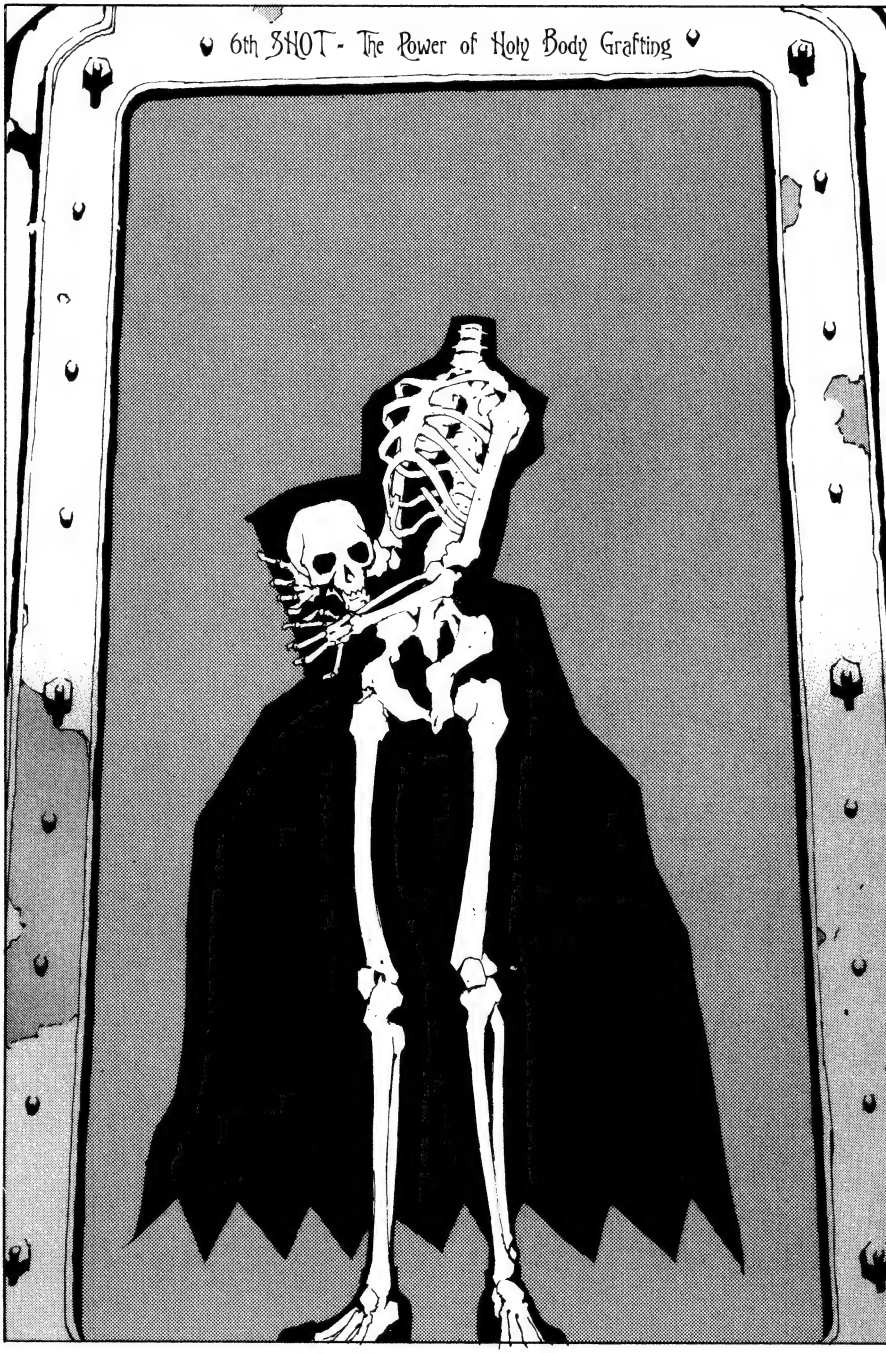
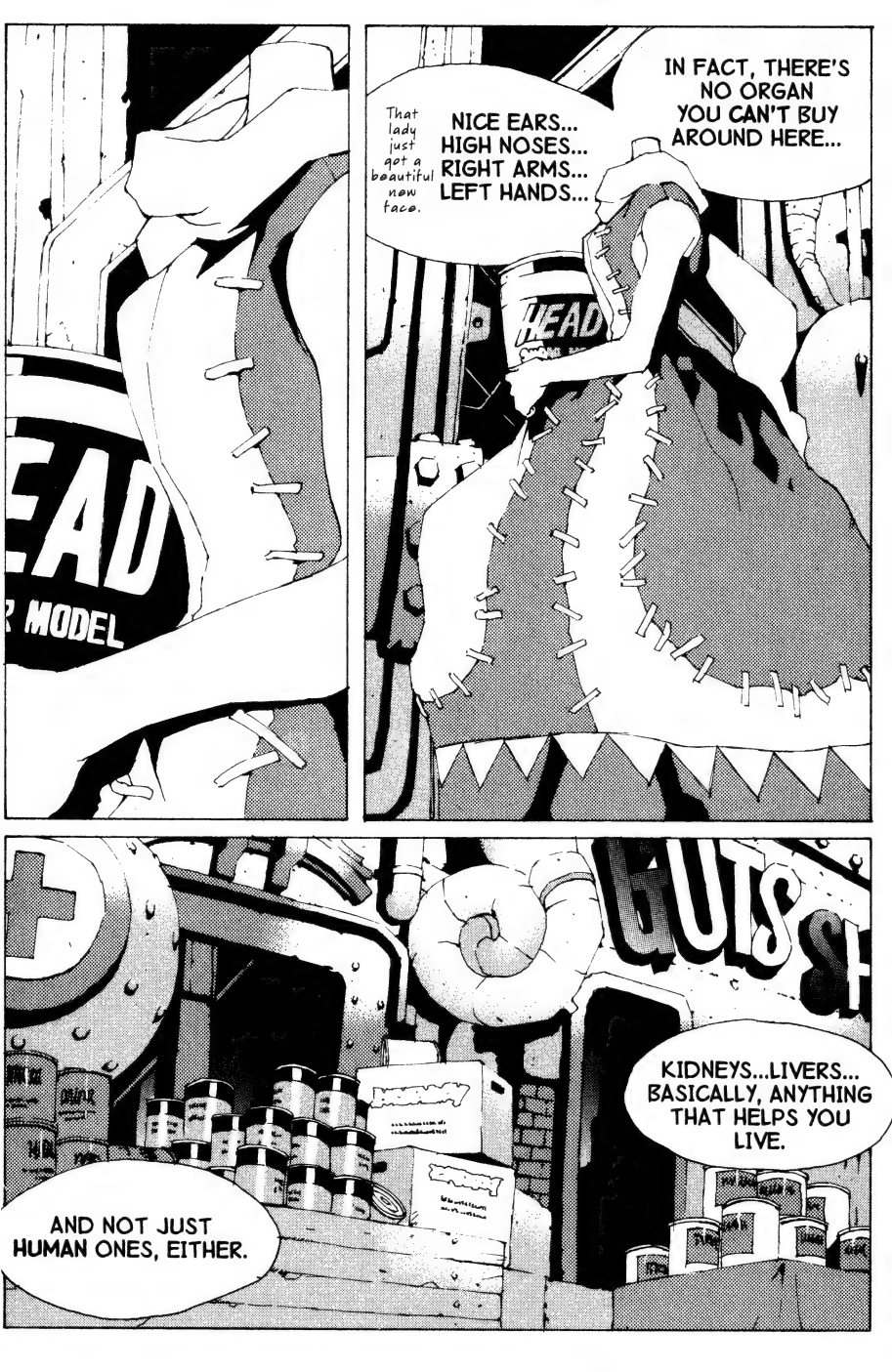
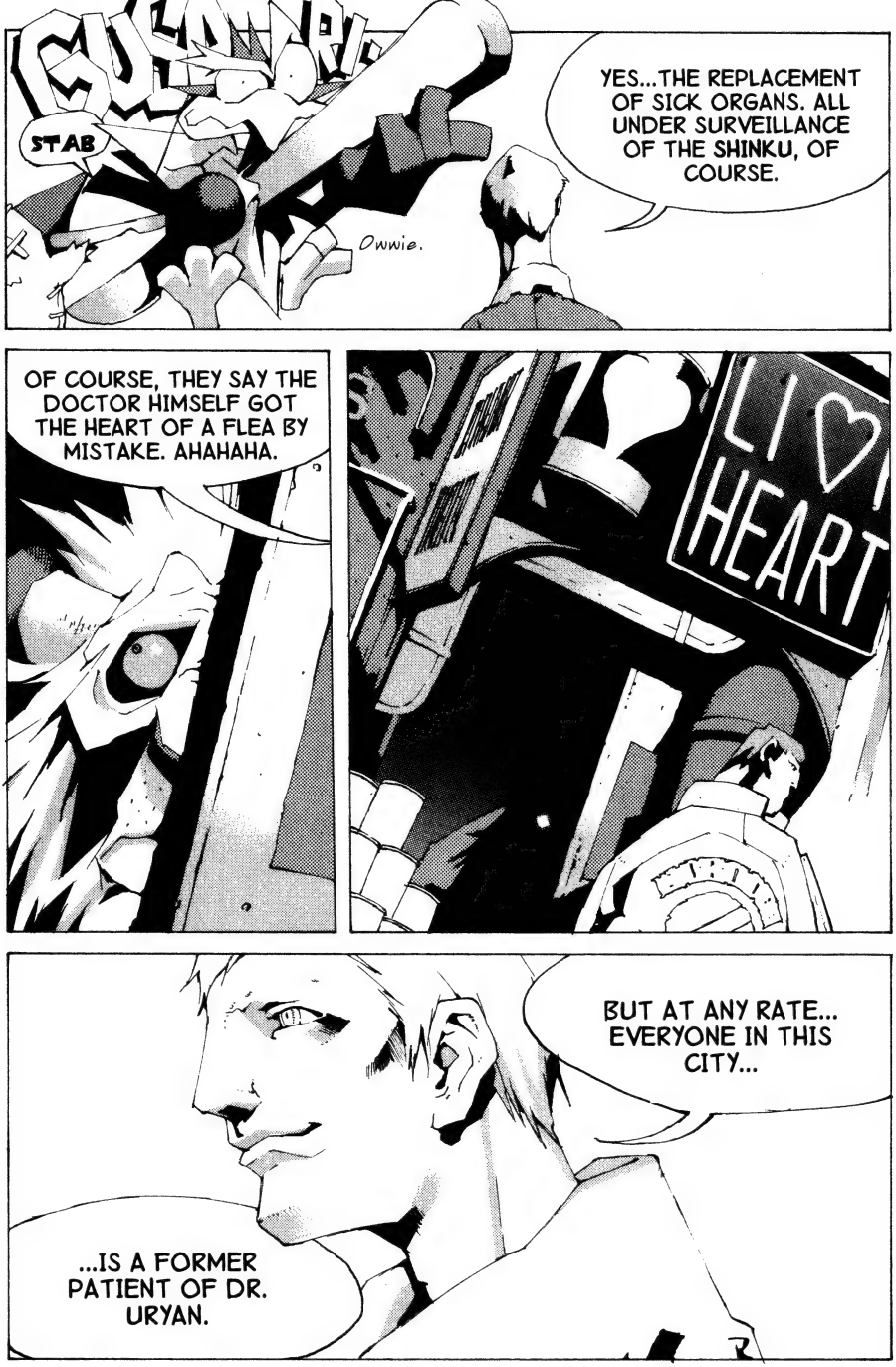



EAD
R MODEL
That lady just got a beautiful new face.
NICE EARS...
HIGH NOSES...
RIGHT ARMS...
LEFT HANDS...
IN FACT, THERE'S NO ORGAN YOU CAN'T BUY AROUND HERE...
HEAD
GUTS
KIDNEYS...LIVERS... BASICALLY, ANYTHING THAT HELPS YOU LIVE.
AND NOT JUST HUMAN ONES, EITHER.

ANIMALS... MONSTERS...ALL OF GOD'S CREATURES!
SO BASICALLY...HE'S AN EVIL MERCHANT WHO DEALS IN LIFE AND DEATH?
ALL OF THEM ON ONE ONE-OF-A-KIND STREET, SPECIALLY CREATED BY DR. URYAN.
SHOP
EASTER
MASKED RIDER

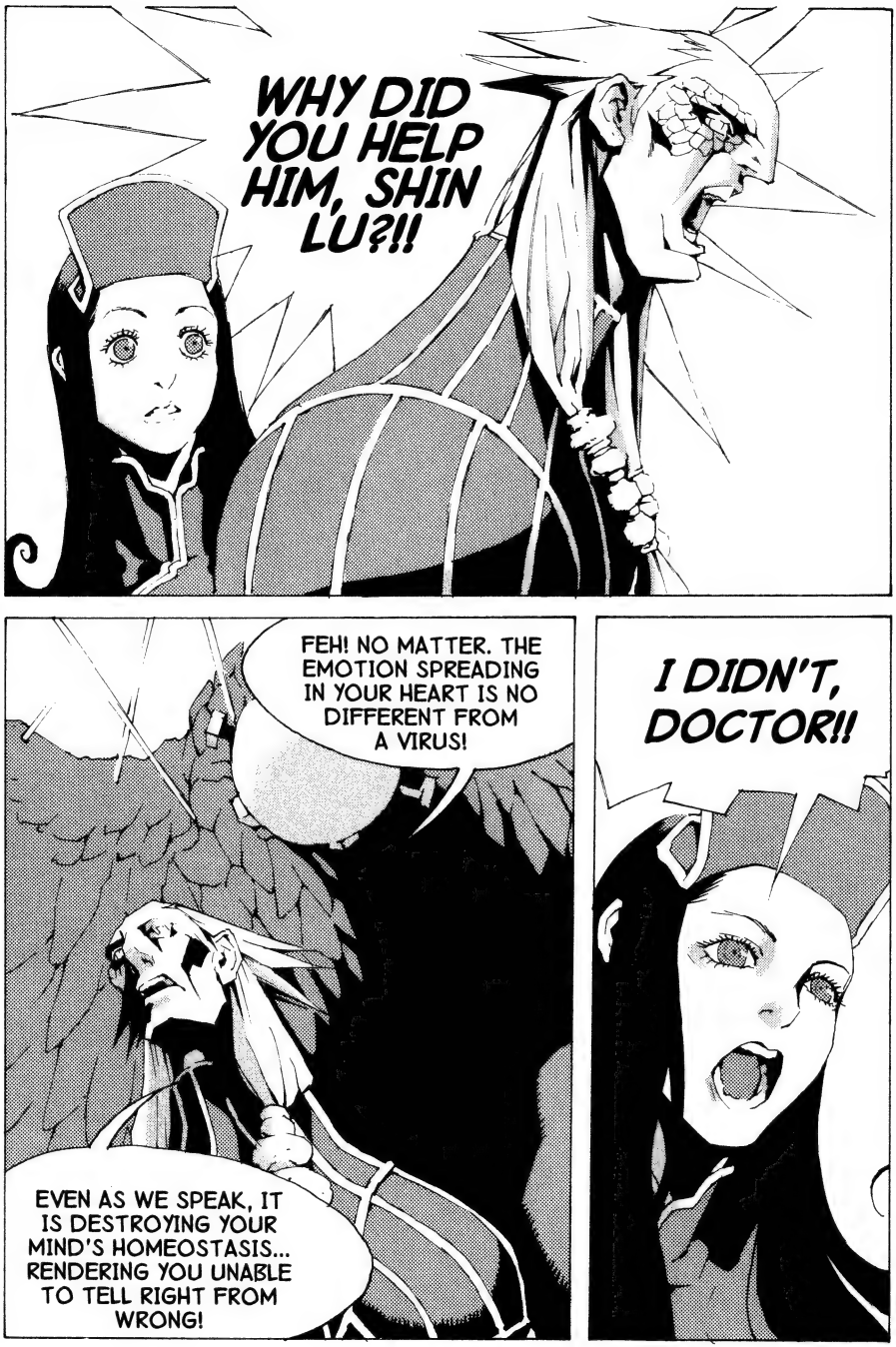
YOU SEE, EVERYONE IN THIS CITY OWES THEIR LIFE TO THE DOCTOR.
HAHAHA! ACTUALLY, IT'S EXACTLY THE OPPOSITE.
SHOO.
SHOO.
OR, MORE SPECIFICALLY, TO HIS FIRST-RATE "HOLY BODY GRAFTING" TECHNIQUE.
"HOLY BODY GRAFTING"?


STAB
Owwie.
YES...THE REPLACEMENT OF SICK ORGANS. ALL UNDER SURVEILLANCE OF THE SHINKU, OF COURSE.
OF COURSE, THEY SAY THE DOCTOR HIMSELF GOT THE HEART OF A FLEA BY MISTAKE. AHAHAHA.
I ♡ HEART
BUT AT ANY RATE... EVERYONE IN THIS CITY...
...IS A FORMER PATIENT OF DR. URYAN.

BUT FEAR NOT, PLAGUE-BOY! YOU, TOO, CAN SUPPORT THE DOCTOR'S NOBLE CAUSE!
.....?!
JUST THINK-- TOMORROW, ALL YOUR PARTS WILL BE LINED UP FOR SALE ON THIS VERY STREET!

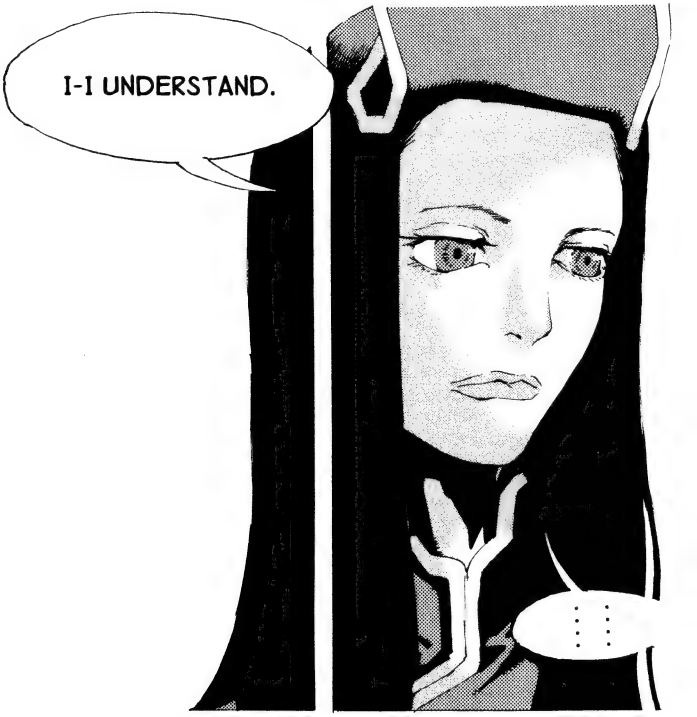
OH...
DH...
SHIN LU...?
YES...?

BUT HIS ERA OF PROTECTION IS OVER.
HIS ONCE-GODLY BODY IS NOW BUT A PIECE OF MEAT.
THIS TIME...WE SHALL HAVE TO PROTECT THE CITY OURSELVES.
PROTECT THE SHINKU... PROTECT THE GOD THAT WE CREATED!!!
HE WAS ONCE CALLED THE GUARDIAN BIRD.


WHY DID YOU HELP HIM, SHIN LU?!!
FEH! NO MATTER. THE EMOTION SPREADING IN YOUR HEART IS NO DIFFERENT FROM A VIRUS!
EVEN AS WE SPEAK, IT IS DESTROYING YOUR MIND'S HOMEOSTASIS... RENDERING YOU UNABLE TO TELL RIGHT FROM WRONG!
I DIDN'T, DOCTOR!!

...FOR THE GREAT HARM YOUR ACTIONS HAVE BROUGHT UPON THIS CITY.

NO MATTER WHAT YOUR TRUE INTENTIONS WERE...I'M AFRAID YOU MUST BE JUDGED BY THE HOLY BRAIN...


I-I UNDERSTAND.
. . . .

THE HOLY BRAIN CONTINUES TO ACT OUT OF FORM... AND EVEN THIS CHILD...
...IT'S AS IF THIS ENTIRE CITY IS INFECTED.
STRANGE... EVERYTHING IS FALLING APART.
IT'S HIM! HE MUST BE THE CAUSE OF IT ALL!!!

THAT CHILD... THAT DAMNED...
...CONTAGION!!!

HO--
CONTAGION!
CONTAGIONNNN!!
HMMM...FORTHRIGHT AND PROFESSIONAL...
LOOKS LIKE BLOOD TYPE A TO ME.

CONTAGION! I TAKE BACK WHAT I SAID BEFORE!
YOU WON'T BE IN THE SHOP WINDOWS TOMORROW AFTER ALL...
'CAUSE I'M GONNA BLOW YOU TO SMITHEREENS RIGHT HERE!!!
There'll be nothin' left to buy!
BLAM

6th SHOT - The Power of Holy Body Grafting - End

7th SHOT - Thirty-four Pursuers

DO NOT ENTER!
BANK
OH, NO--A DEAD END!!
WH-WH-WHADDO WE DO, JING?!!

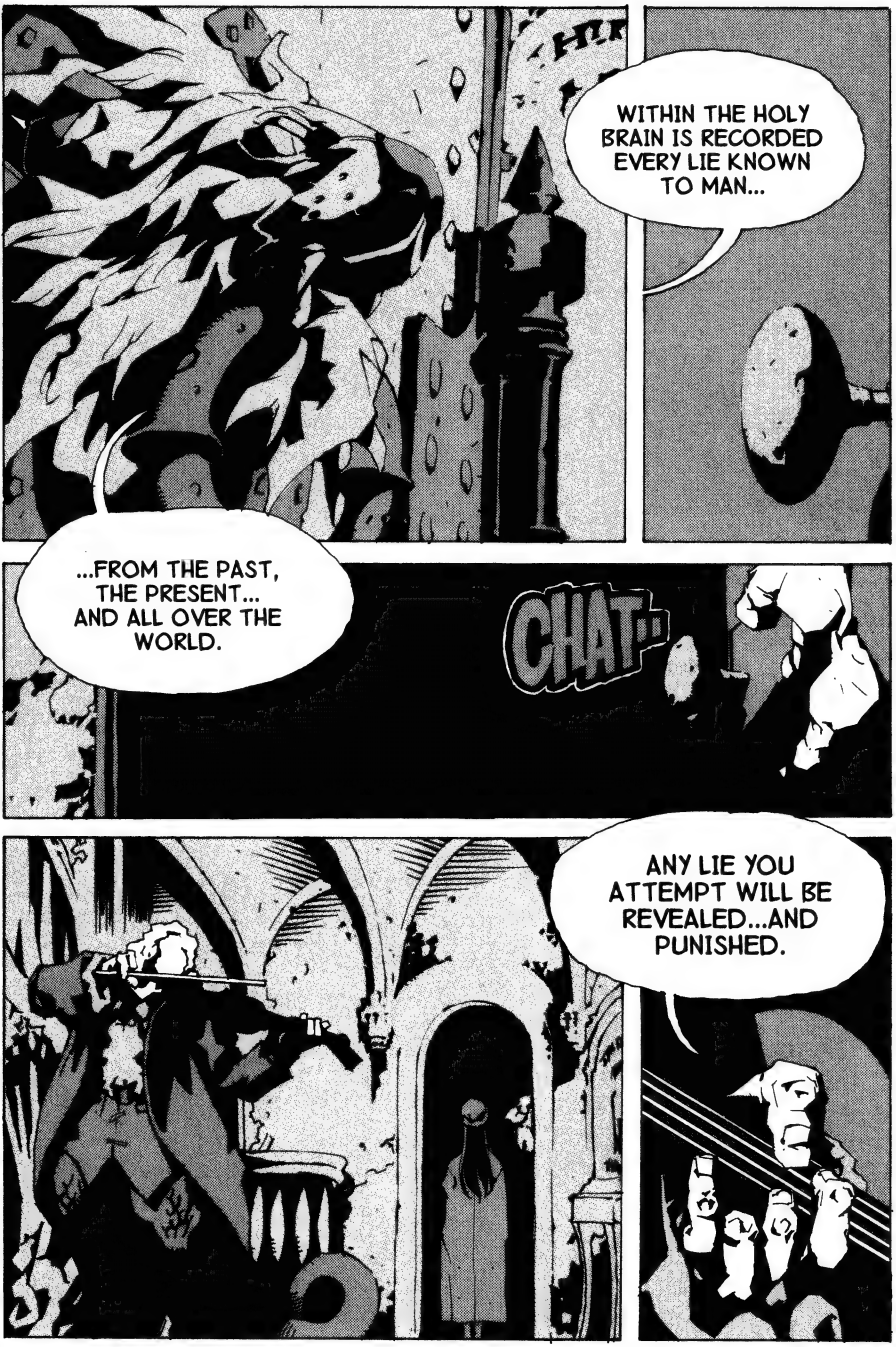
KIIIIIIIR...
...ROYALE!
SQUEAK

CRACK
C-CRACK
Huh? Where are we...?
a bank?
BONE
BA
GYAAAAAAA!!!
WHAT'S WRONG?!

OH...SOME EMPLOYEE HANDED THEM TO ME...
WHATCHA GOT THERE, KIR?
BONE MARRO
RANK
BONE MA
BANK
KYAAA!!
BANK ROBBERS!!!
...JUST NOW.
WARNING! WARNING!
SUSPECTS ARE CURRENTLY IN BONE MARROW BANK, STEALING THE--
MONE--

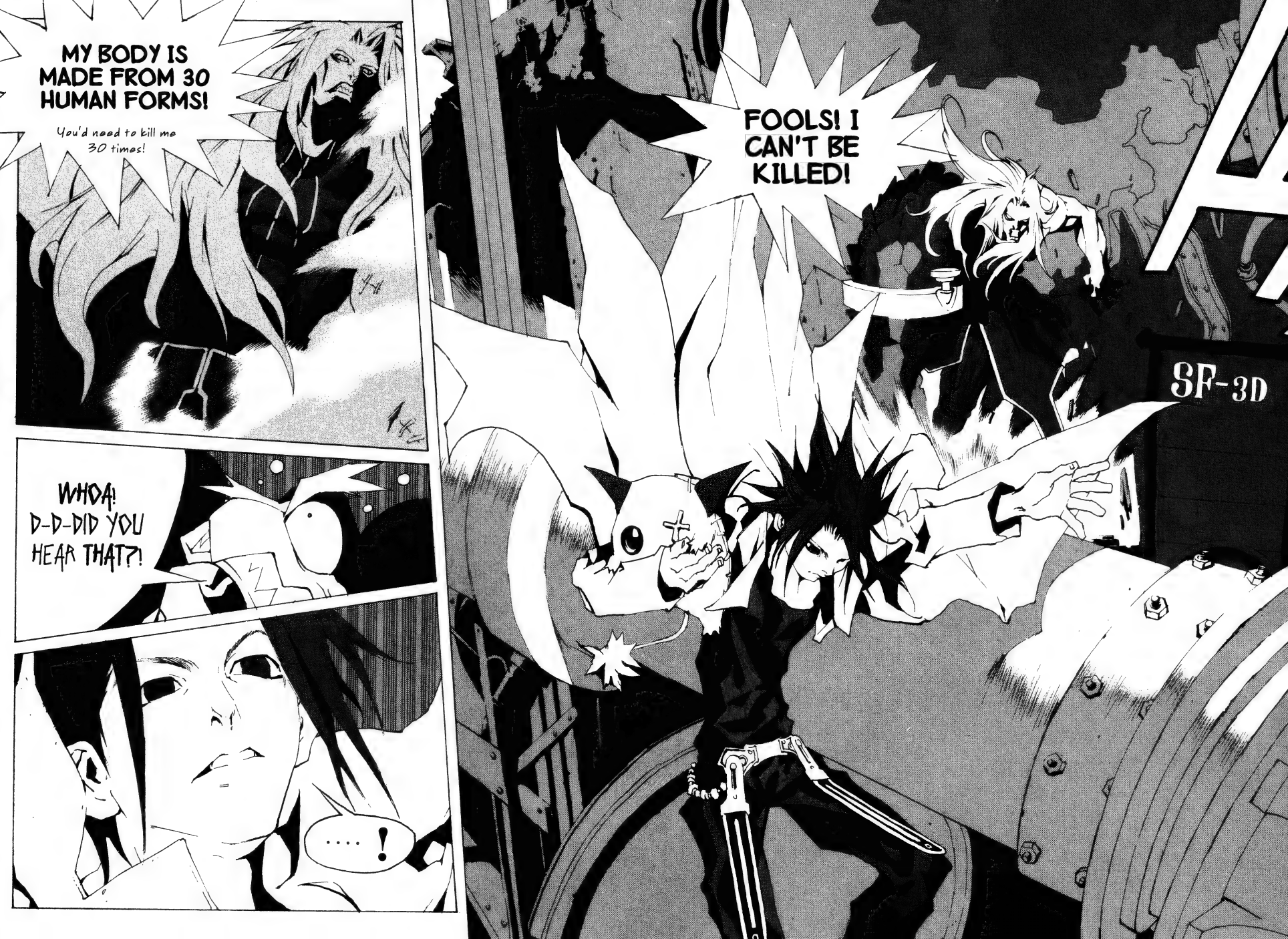
Thud!
SHUT UP!! I ALREADY KNOW THAT!!!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'VE DONE...
...BUT PLEASE, ANSWER TRUTHFULLY.


WITHIN THE HOLY BRAIN IS RECORDED EVERY LIE KNOWN TO MAN...
...FROM THE PAST, THE PRESENT... AND ALL OVER THE WORLD.
CHAT!!
ANY LIE YOU ATTEMPT WILL BE REVEALED...AND PUNISHED.

WHAT IS WITH THIS GUY?!
BLOODY MARY--ER, CAESAR--WASN'T AFFECTED AT ALL!
HMMM...RECOVERS QUICKLY... IS THAT A HINT OF TYPE O I SENSE?
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES WE BLAST HIM...

...HE JUST KEEPS COMING BACK FOR MORE!!!
JING--JING!! HE'S COMING!! WE'RE IN TROUBLE!!!
SHOT
PRANK STAR
A-YUPPP...


MY BODY IS MADE FROM 30 HUMAN FORMS!
You'd need to kill me 30 times!
WHOA! D-D-DID YOU HEAR THAT?!
....!
FOOLS! I CAN'T BE KILLED!
SF-3D

IT'S ACTUALLY THIRTY-FOUR PEOPLE...AM I RIGHT?
HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT, CONTAGION?!!
I KNOW A LOT OF STUFF!
HOW TO DESTROY YOU, FOR INSTANCE...
SHUK

SKUK i!!
...IN ONLY ONE HIT!!!

AHHHHHHHHHH!!!
SMASH
's Pizza
HEY, JING-- WHAT WAS THAT WATERY STUFF? HUH?!!

GOOD THING I STOLE THIS!
BEATS ME. BUT IT'S GROSS. THEY SAY BLOOD'S THICKER THAN WATER, BUT IN BLOODY CAESAR'S CASE, I'M NOT SO SURE.
X RAY STREET
WAIT...YOU MEAN...
...THAT EVIL DOCTOR'S RECORDS? YOU STOLE THOSE?
BINGO!

DO NOT
ENTER

WARNING!!!
WARNING!!!
FOR SALE OR LEASE
THE THIEF CALLS HIMSELF THE KING OF BANDITS!
REPEAT. THE THIEF CALLS...
UH, JING--I DON'T THINK THESE GUYS ARE NORMAL!!
OKAY...TIME TO FINISH THE JOB.

PUNISHMENT AND CRIME GO HAND IN HAND

AIDING CRIMINALS IS CLEARLY A CRIME.
THEREFORE, YOU MUST BE PUNISHED.
YOUR ACTIONS HAVE POISONED SOCIETY... AND THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN ATONE FOR THEM IS BY WORKING TO AID SOCIETY.
YOU WILL SERVE ME, SHIN LO!

...WHO CAN UNDERSTAND MY PURITY.
SINCE YOU HAVE NO MOTHER OR FATHER, YOU ARE NOT SULLIED BY EARTHLY BONDS. YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE...
GAH-GAG-GAG-AGI-GIGI...
A-GA-GA-GI...
GOH!

AT THE MOMENT... I HAVE NO "WINDOW" TO THE WORLD.
I DWELL IN DARKNESS, CURSED BY MY OWN KNOWLEDGE.
BUT... YOU SHALL BECOME MY "WINDOW."

WITH THESE EARS, YOU WILL HEAR THE VOICES OF THOSE ON THE GROUND.
WITH THESE EYES, YOU WILL DETERMINE THE COLORS OF HEAVEN.
SHIN LU...THE DAUGHTER OF DEATH.
!!!!
TH-THE ORGANIC ORGAN IS--!

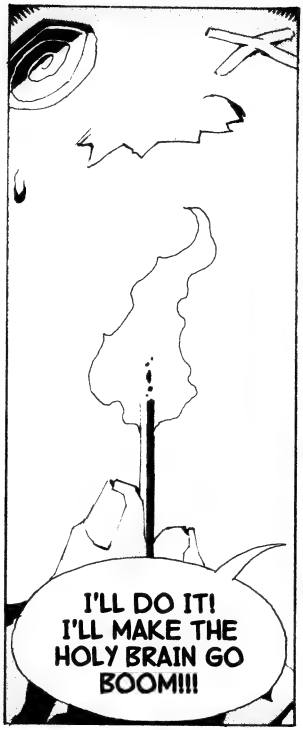
THIS BLISSFUL MARRIAGE OF BODY AND SPIRIT SHALL AT LAST BE CONSUMMATED.
AHHH!!
JUST LIKE THE MARRIAGE OF ADAM AND EVE...
...IT WILL BE A PURE MATRIMONY...
...BLESSED BY THE HAND OF GOD ALONE.

YES...WE CAN FULLY REALIZE OUR ANIMA!
THE RINPA DEMONS HAVE ALL BEEN TAKEN OUT...?!
NO...
WE'VE CAST OFF ALL HUMAN CONSTRAINTS...
...AND FINALLY... WE ARE PURE!!!

JUST LIKE ADAM AND EVE... BEFORE THE ORIGINAL SIN.

KASHU!

WHAT IS THIS?!
WHO ARE YOU?!!


I'LL DO IT!
I'LL MAKE THE HOLY BRAIN GO BOOM!!!

WHOA!!
STOP!!

HOLD IT--!!
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!

. . . . . .

N-NO...!!
DON'T DO IT!!!

I'M AFRAID I'M GOING TO HAVE TO KIDNAP YOU AGAIN, SHIN LU...
CREAK...
YO--HOLY BRAIN!
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU COULD USE SOME MEDICINE!

A MEDICINE CALLED FREEDOM!!!
AS A BANDIT, I'VE COMMITTED COUNTLESS CRIMES.
YOU, ON THE OTHER HAND, ARE PURE AND INNOCENT...

...BUT IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE THE ONE BEING PUNISHED!!!

LET'S SKIP THE READING OF THE CHARGES, SHALL WE?!
OH, DON'T WORRY. IF IT'S PUNISHMENT YOU WANT, YOU'RE ABOUT TO GET YOUR SHARE.
BESIDES... HUMANS EXIST...
I THINK ONE JUDGE WILL BE ENOUGH FOR YOU!

...TO RECEIVE PUNISHMENT!!!

THIRTY-FOUR BODIES... ARE FIGHTING...EACH OTHER...INSIDE ME!
YOU...YOU INJECTED ME... WITH THAT... SERUM...!
GUH...
I AM NO LONGER ONE... I'M RIPPING...APART!
AND I'M GOING TO RIP YOU APART WITH ME!!!

NGAAAAAAAAH!!!
BLAM!
FRUhOS

9th Shot -
The End of Judgment

ZAP!

オオオオオオオオオオ
ボクッ

D-DOCTOR!! WHAT'S GOING ON OUTSIDE?!!
I'M N-NOT FEELING SO WELL... COULD IT MEAN...?!
I KNOW... THAT'S WHY I'M GOING TO--!
DOCTOR!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THAT?!!

IT'S NO USE! DAMNED WORTH-LESS BEETLE!!!
AHH!!
GAHH!!
DOCTOR...! MY CHEST...MY CHEST...
MY HEAD... IT HURTS...

DOCTOR!
DOCTOR URYAN!

THE SHINKU IS— GAAHK!
DOCTOR!!
DOCTOR!!
DOCTOR!!
Y-YES--I'M GOING TO FIX THE HOLY BRAIN RIGHT NOW!
RIGHT NOW...
...RIGHT NOW!!!
HATS
SHOP

THE THIRTY-FOUR INSIDE ME...
THEY WANT MORE TO JOIN THEM!!!
...THEY SAY THEY 'RE STILL LONELY... THEY 'RE CRYING OUT!!!
I CAN HEAR THEIR VOICES NOW...

NOT WITH THAT EAR, YOU CAN'T!

DON'T MOVE-- EITHER OF YOU!!!
THIS CITY...
RUSTY NAIL...IS CRUMBLING!!!
!!?
GAHH!!
WAHH!

AHHHHH!!

AHH AHH AHH!!
THUD...
KIR...I'M COUNTING ON YOU...
NOT GOOD, JING—! HE WANTS TO MAKE YOU NUMBER THIRTY-FIVE!
GUAH!!

CRASH
GUAH~
AAAAH..

I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU...IN HELL'S MELTING POT...

IT'S USELESS, DOCTOR...
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
...THE TRAIN TO HELL HAS ALREADY LEFT.
THEN... I'M...

NO...
IS IT ALL... TOO LATE...?!

YUP... I'D SAY IT'S FAR TOO LATE.

HE SHOULD HAVE LEFT THE NEST LONG AGO.

10th Shot - The Naked World

?????αιβεννκει ν ν κανόκοδουφικουφι
ψαταραφιμα
ηαρυγασυμι876 τομοε
μιεδασυγι,νινδουκαρακυσα?????
Υροκο!!!!!
κικκου,ναωαΜε
Σψοκκου
ηιγακι!!!
<Γοβούφιμα>,σαμεκομον Ψμει.κψοσηιμονν&
σιππού!!!
!!!Ηουσουγεκαρακυσα
!!!καγομε
Μιεδασυκι
Ραιμονν!!
!!!
GOD BRAIN
100%

Γαννι!!
ϑιν!
!!!.....
Φυσενν2ρψου
NO MORE HIDING BEHIND WORDS.
FOR OUT HERE IS A WIND NOT DESCRIBED...
COME OUT OF THAT TIN WOMB, NOW...

SHURT
...IN ANY
SCRIPTURE!!!

GOD IS DEAD...
THAT MEANS THIS TOWN IS AUTOMATICALLY DEAD, TOO.
IT'S OVER.
EVERYTHING IS... OVER.
AU CONTRAIRE, MY GOOD DOCTOR!

AFTER ALL...YOU STILL HAVE YOUR PRECIOUS PATIENTS, DON'T YOU?
THESE... THESE ARE MY RECORDS...
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SEE? YOU EVEN HAVE A PATIENT RIGHT HERE.

THERE YOU ARE... ALL BETTER.
...THE GUARDIAN BIRD!!!
OH...THAT'S...
...THE GUARDIAN...
...YOU'RE GOING TO BE OKAY... HUH?!
YOUR ARRHYTHMIA MAY LINGER FOR A WHILE, BUT...

YUP... DOCTOR URYAN'S "HOLY BODY GRAFTING" TECHNIQUE SURE IS SOMETHIN', AIN'T IT?

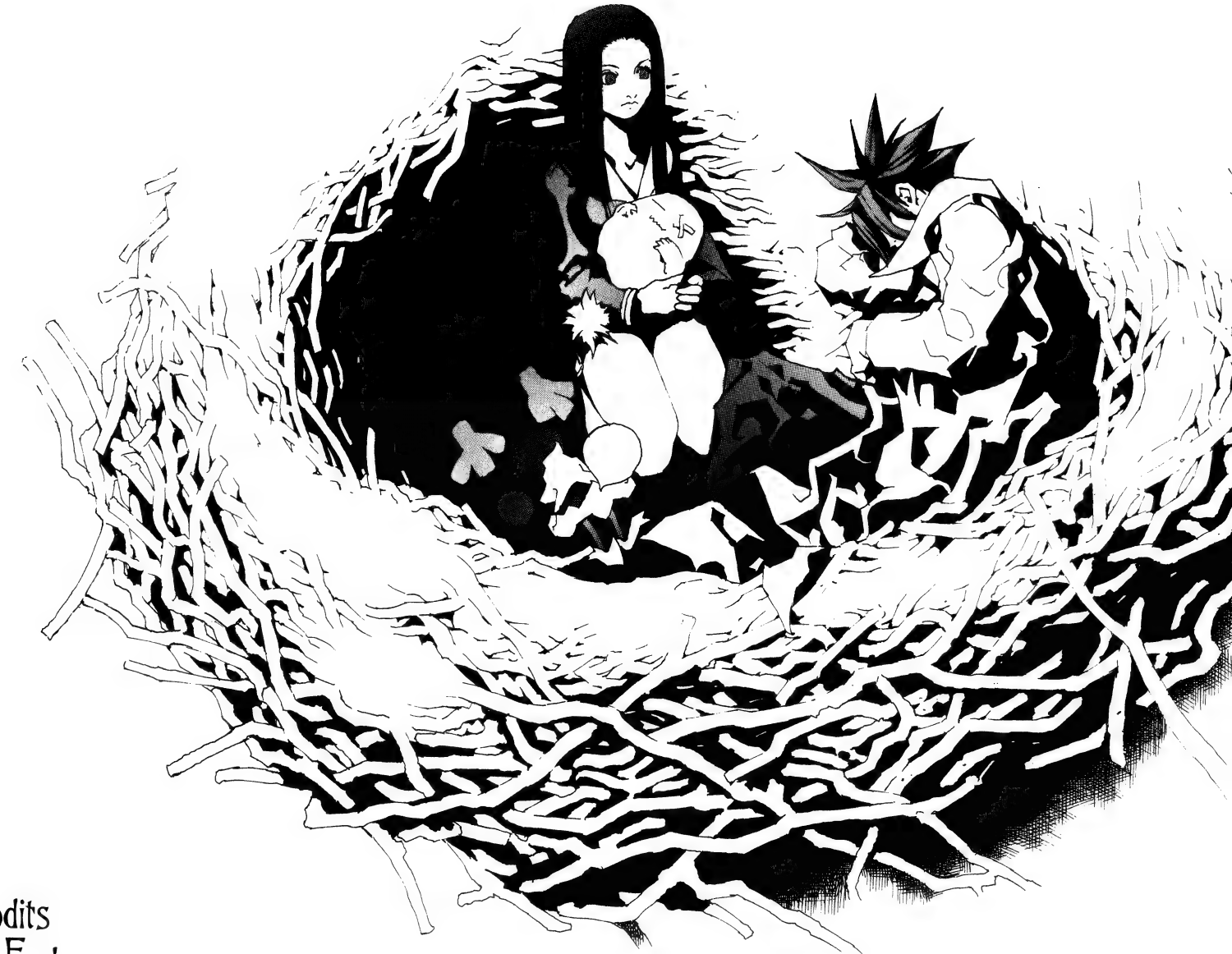
I MEAN, HOW ABOUT THAT? DOESN'T HE LOOK HAPPY?
HE'S HAPPY BECAUSE HE'S FINALLY BEEN RELEASED...
...FROM THE DOCTOR'S PRISON.

...TO FINALLY SEE WITH YOUR EYES...
...HEAR WITH YOUR EARS...
...FEEL WITH YOUR SKIN...
TO SAY GOODBYE TO A WORLD MADE OF NOTHING BUT WORDS...
HE'S ENJOYING THE NAKED WORLD ITSELF...!!

GOD...
AWW, C'MON...WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE IF WE KIDNAP SHIN LU TWO TIMES OR THREE TIMES?

WHADDAYA SAY? SHALL WE EXTEND THE ABDUCTION?
I'LL BE YOUR GUARDIAN BIRD TONIGHT, BABY!
Oh, for the love of...
WELL... ACTUALLY...
YES?!

WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE...TO KIDNAP ME...ONE MORE TI--
YAAAWN!
Huh?
ACTUALLY, I WAS WONDERING IF WE SHOULD BORROW THIS FOR A BIT...
THE GUARDIAN BIRD'S NOT USING IT!



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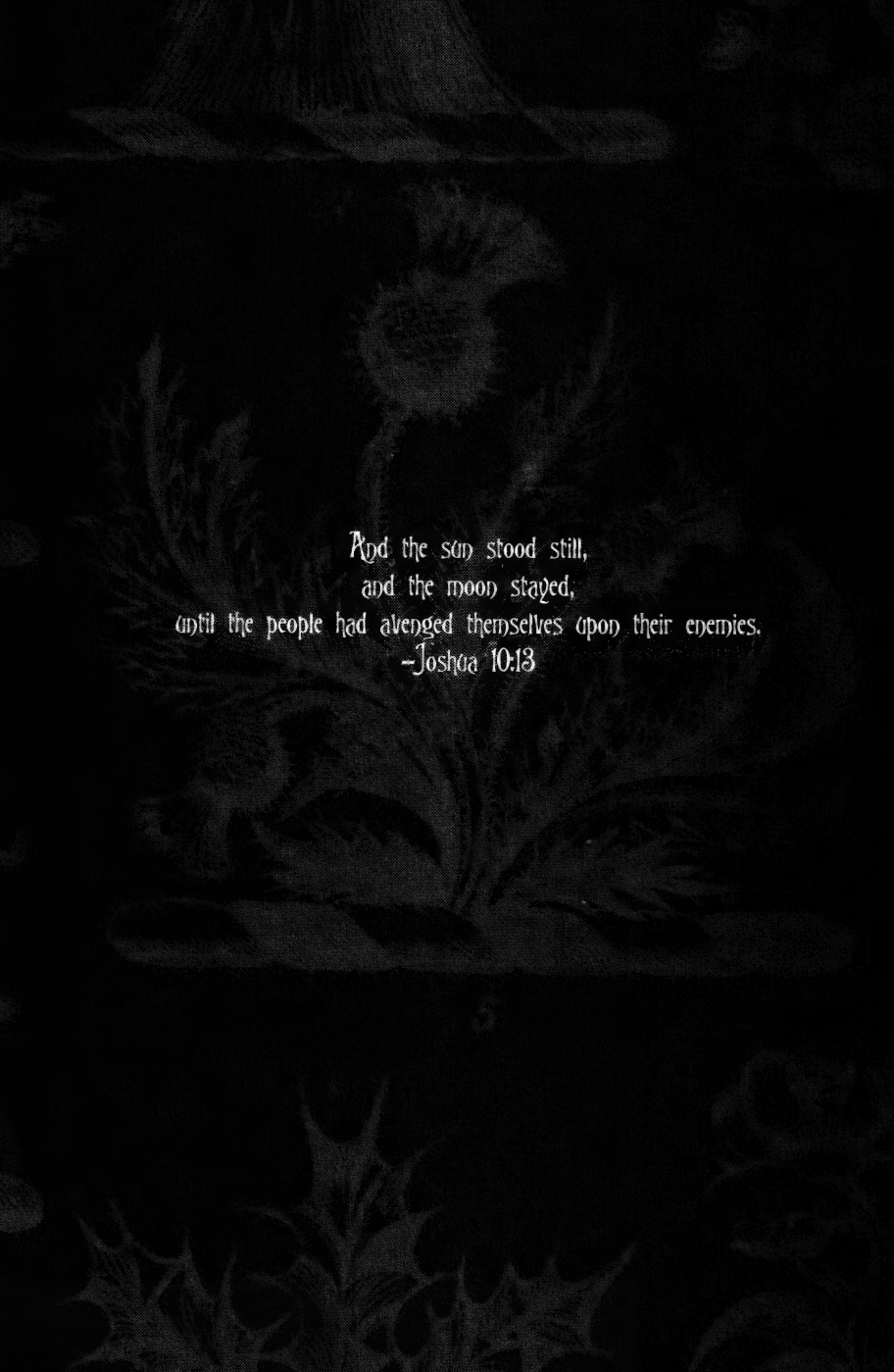
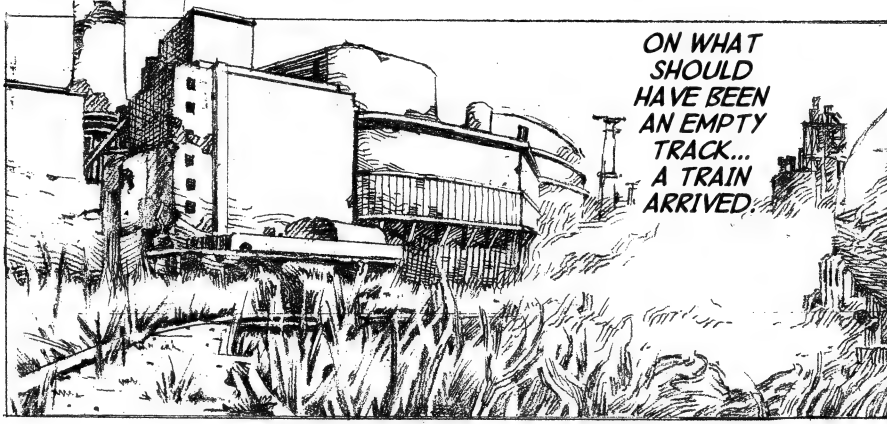
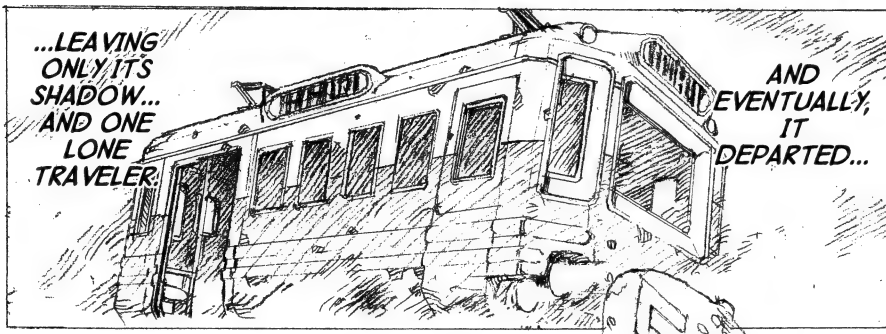
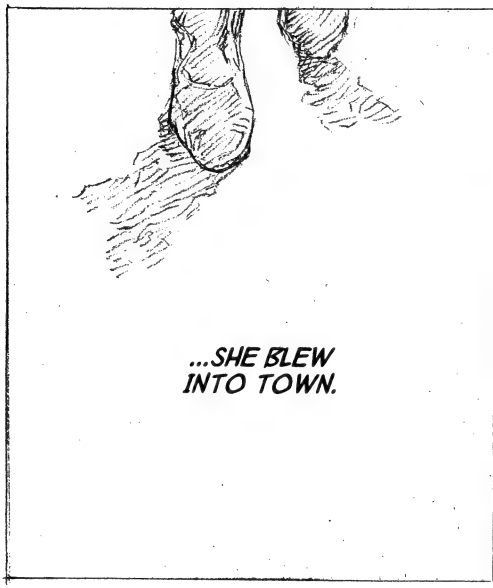
Joshua Tree

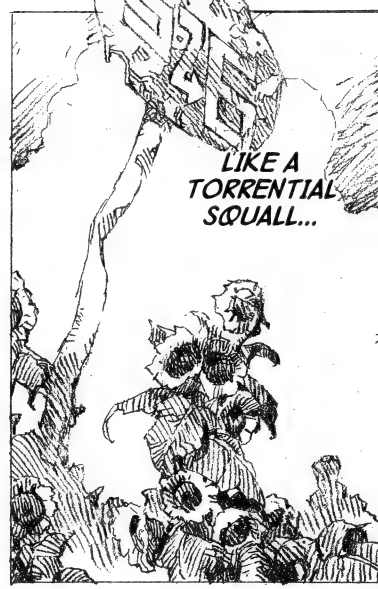


And the sun stood still,
and the moon stayed,
until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies.
–Joshua 10:13


ON WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN AN EMPTY TRACK... A TRAIN ARRIVED.

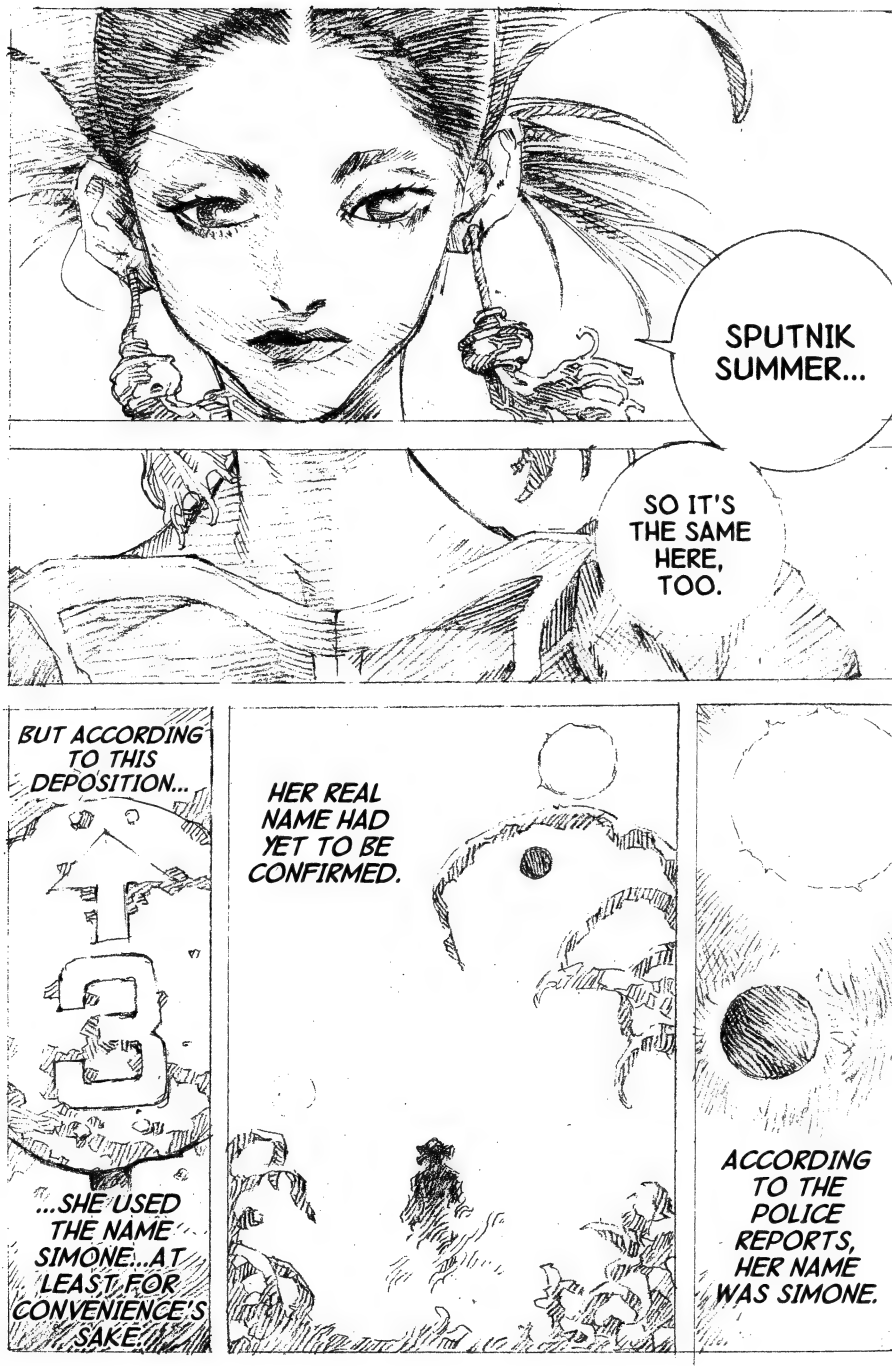

...LEAVING ONLY ITS SHADOW... AND ONE LONE TRAVELER.
AND EVENTUALLY, IT DEPARTED...


...SHE BLEW INTO TOWN.

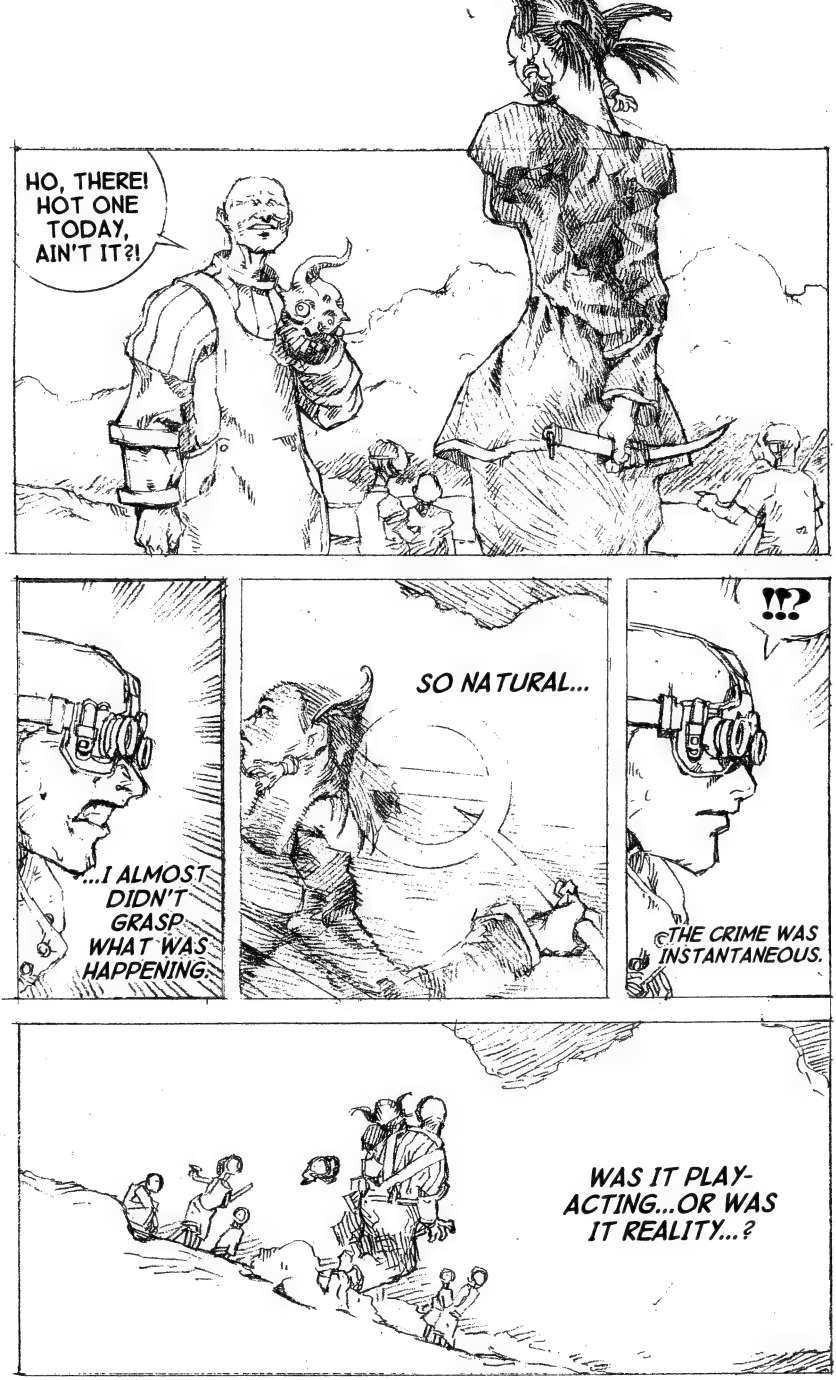

LIKE A TORRENTIAL SQUALL...

joshua tree

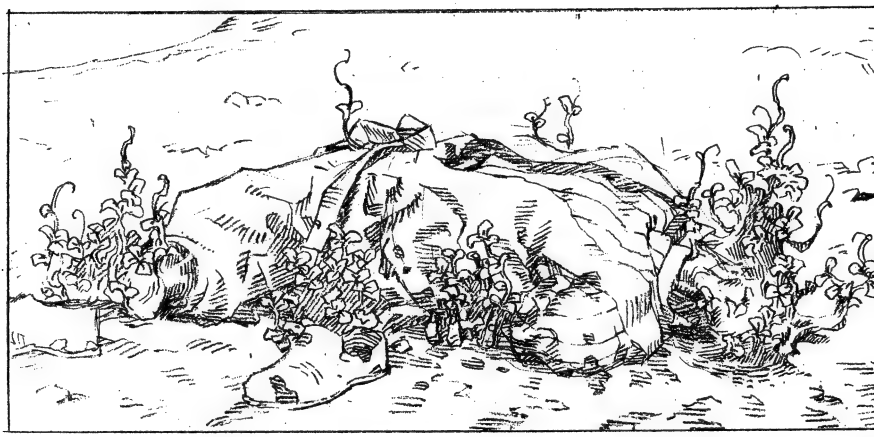
kumakura yuichi

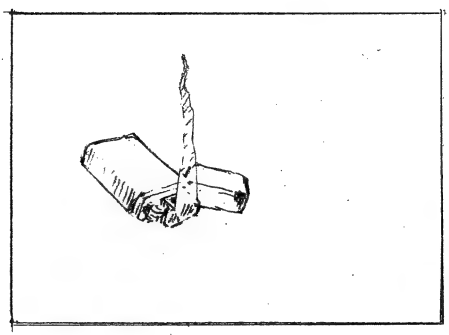

SPUTNIK SUMMER...
SO IT'S THE SAME HERE, TOO.
BUT ACCORDING TO THIS DEPOSITION...
...SHE USED THE NAME SIMONE...AT LEAST FOR CONVENIENCE'S SAKE.
HER REAL NAME HAD YET TO BE CONFIRMED.
ACCORDING TO THE POLICE REPORTS, HER NAME WAS SIMONE.

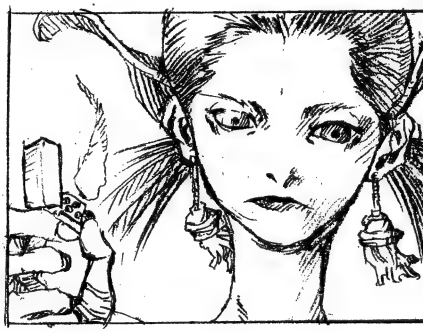
SIMONE'S FIRST CRIME...10:23 A.M.
THAT DAY, I HAD COME TO TAKE PHOTOS OF SOME CHILDREN...
...IN A DRESS REHEARSAL FOR THE ARBOR FESTIVAL..

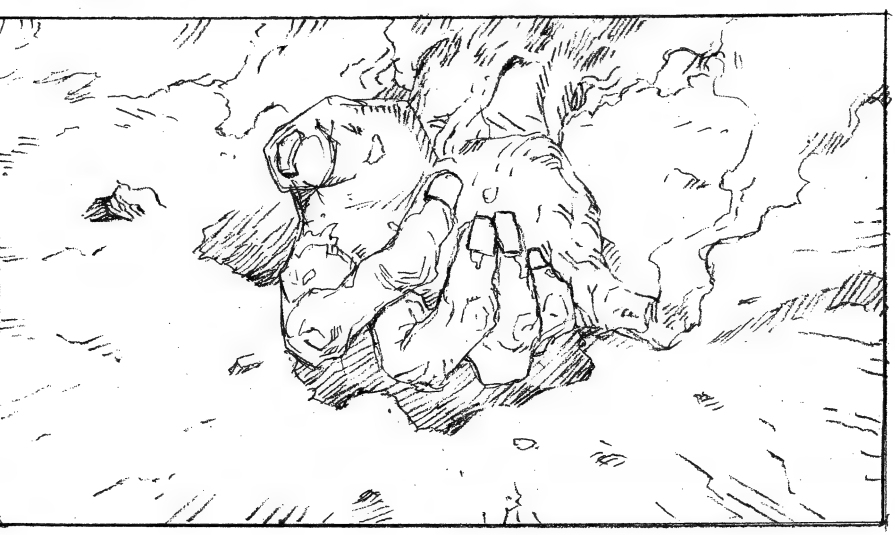

HO, THERE! HOT ONE TODAY, AIN'T IT?!
...I ALMOST DIDN'T GRASP WHAT WAS HAPPENING.
SO NATURAL...
!?
THE CRIME WAS INSTANTANEOUS.
WAS IT PLAY-ACTING...OR WAS IT REALITY...?

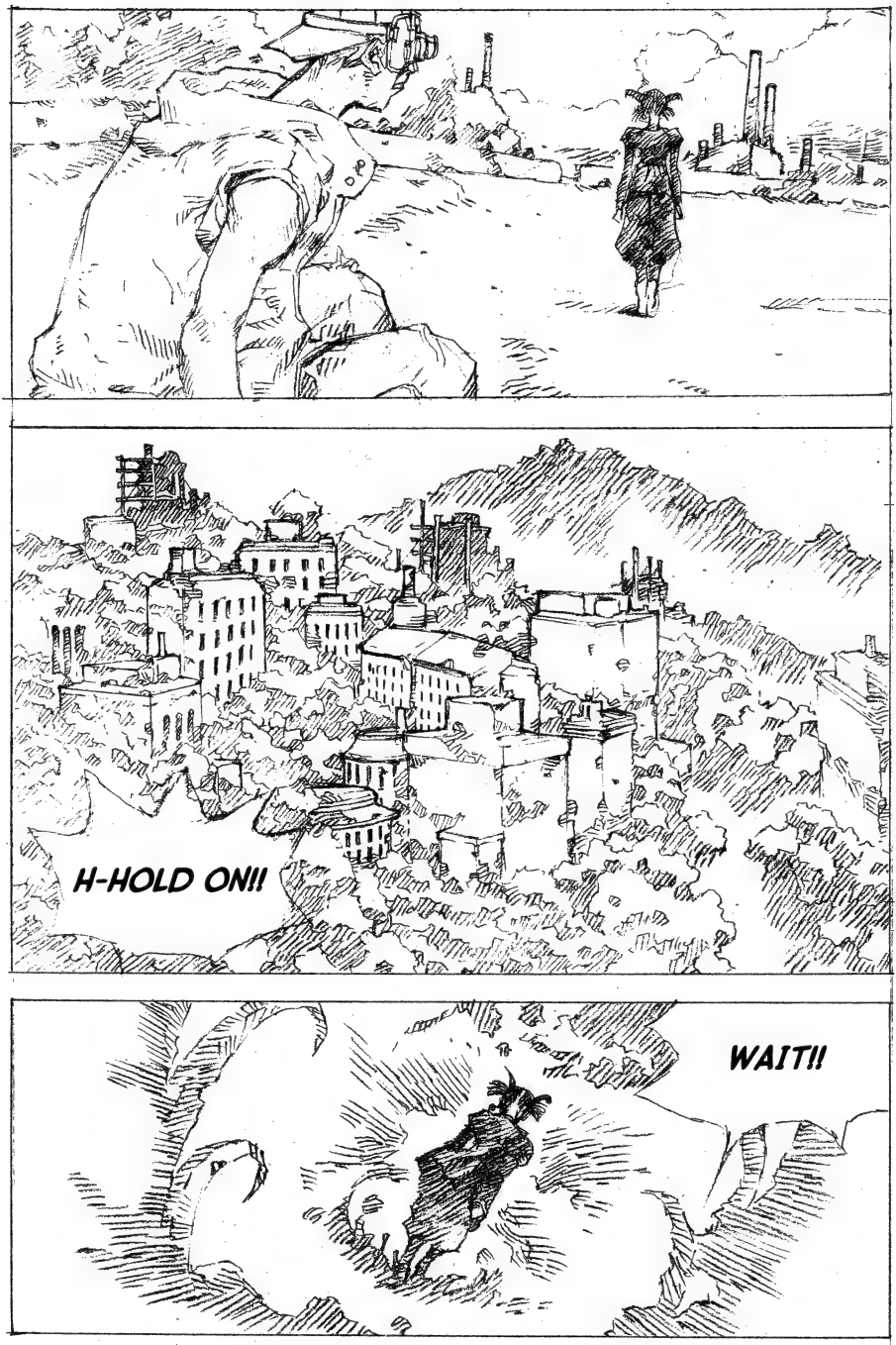
GAAAAHHH!

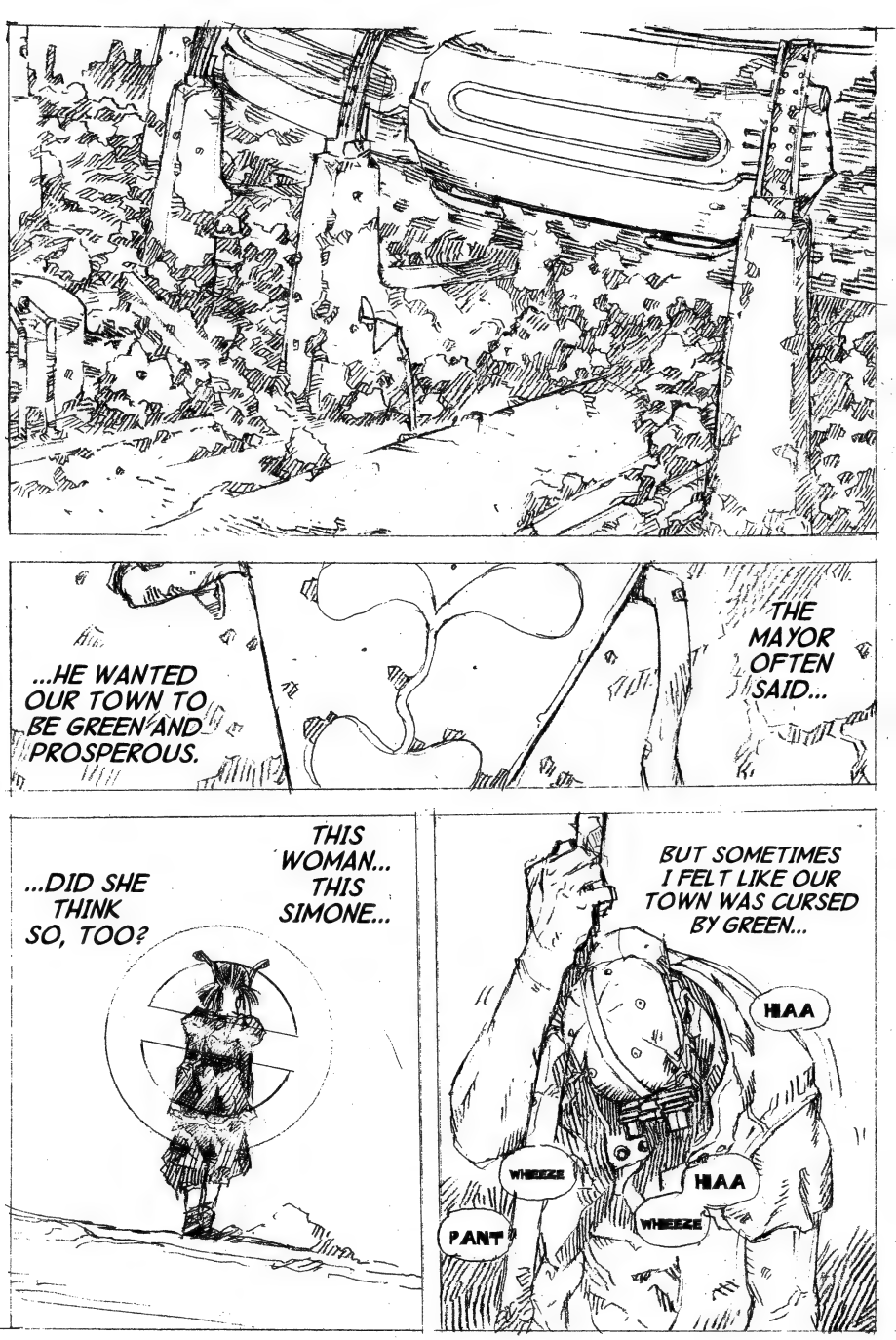


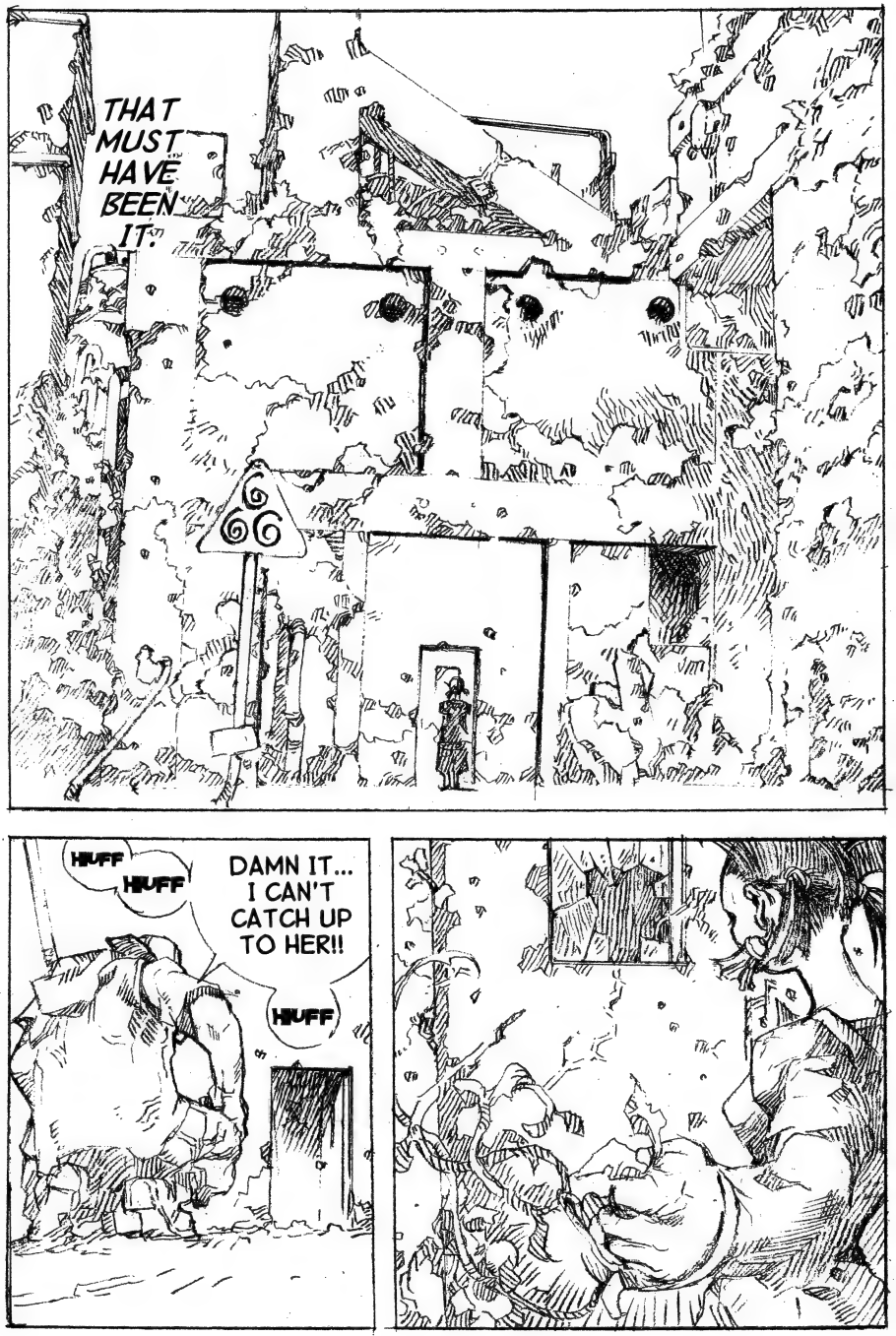




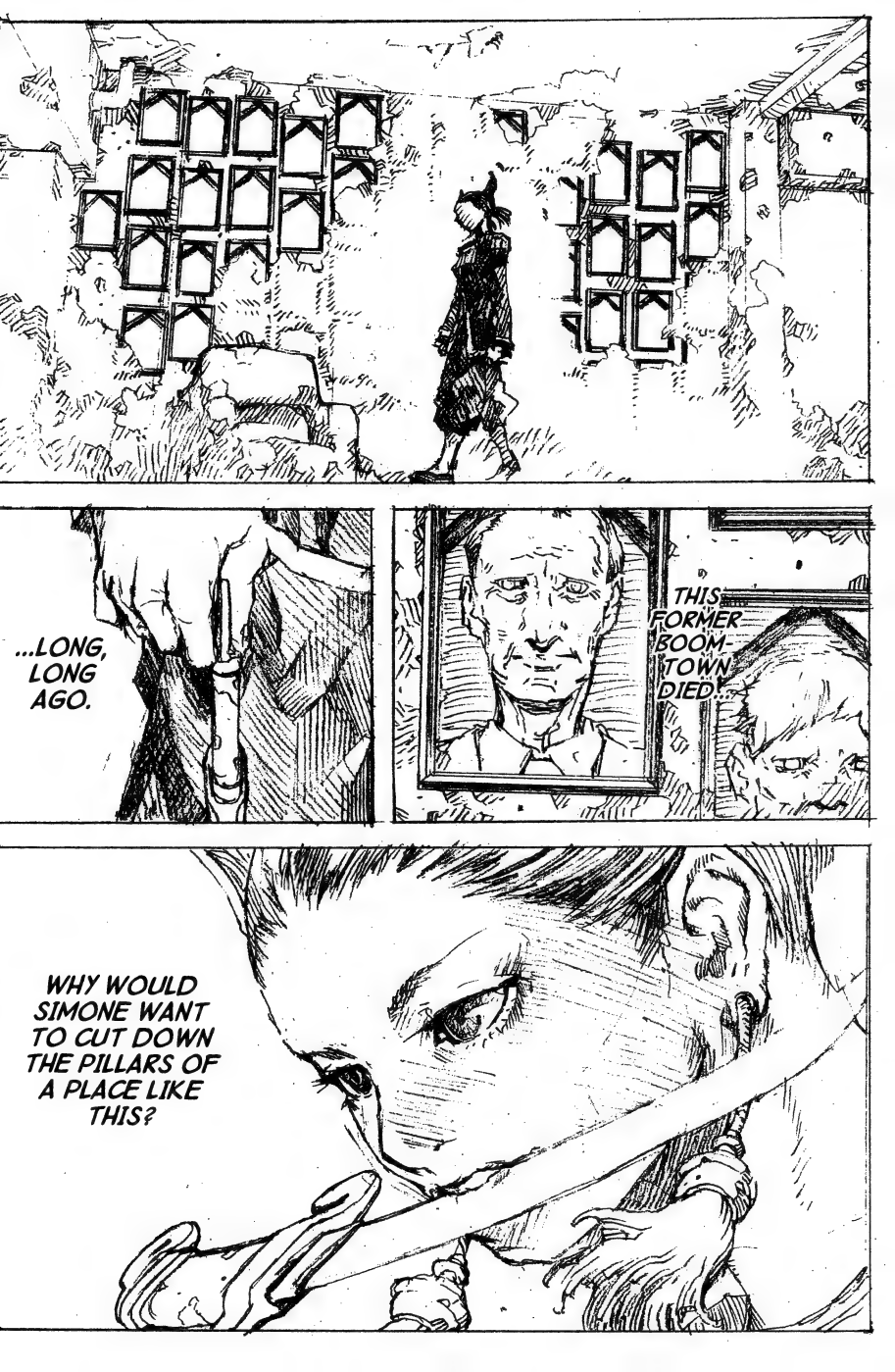


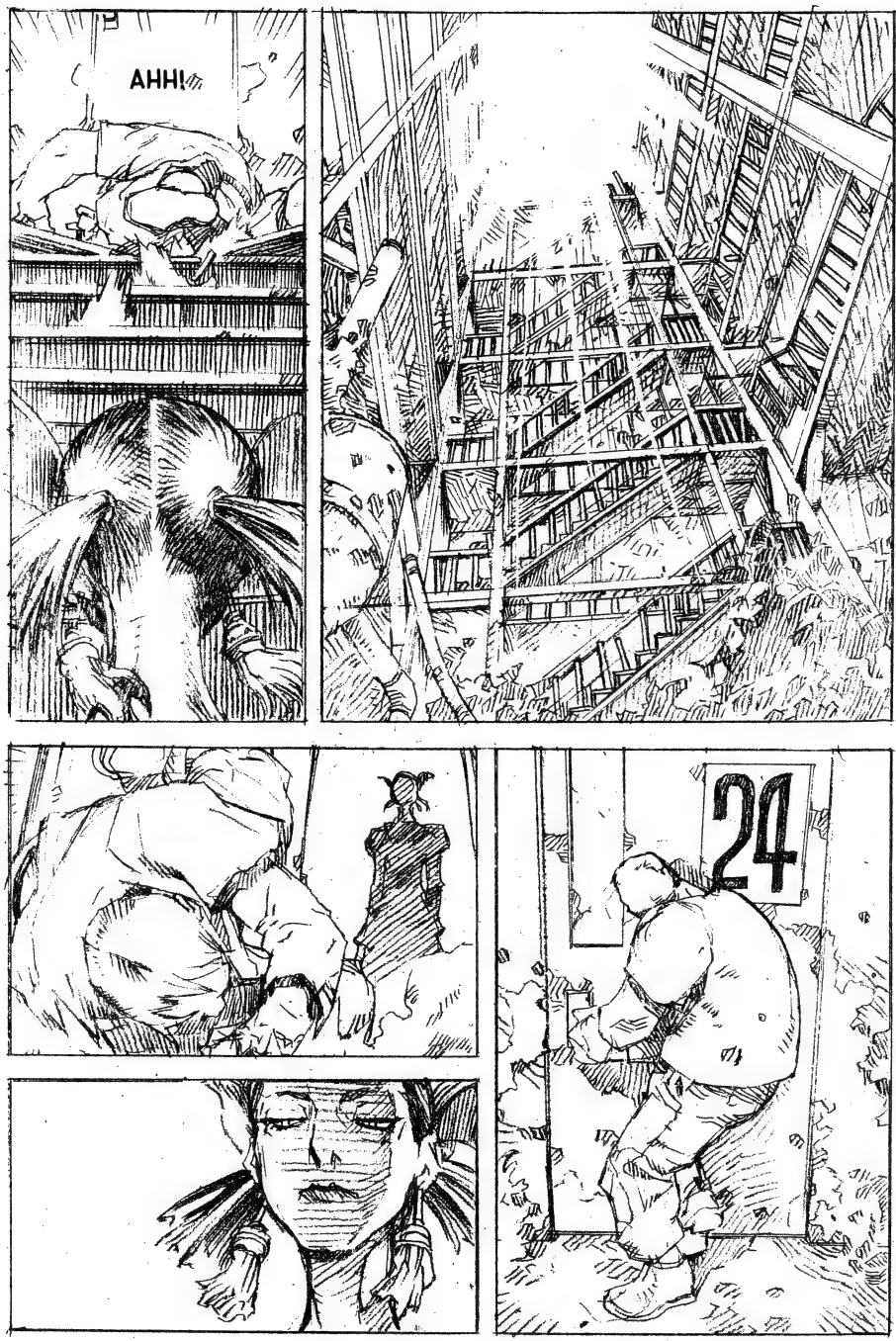

H-HOLD ON!!
WAIT!!


...HE WANTED OUR TOWN TO BE GREEN AND PROSPEROUS.
THE MAYOR OFTEN SAID...
...DID SHE THINK SO, TOO?
THIS WOMAN... THIS SIMONE...
BUT SOMETIMES I FELT LIKE OUR TOWN WAS CURSED BY GREEN...
HIAA
WHEEZE
HAA
WHEEZE
PANT


THAT MUST HAVE BEEN IT.
HUFF
HUFF
DAMN IT... I CAN'T CATCH UP TO HER!!
HUFF

AHHHHHHH!!!
HYAAAAAAA!!


...LONG, LONG AGO.
THIS FORMER BOOM-TOWN DIED...
WHY WOULD SIMONE WANT TO CUT DOWN THE PILLARS OF A PLACE LIKE THIS?


AHH!
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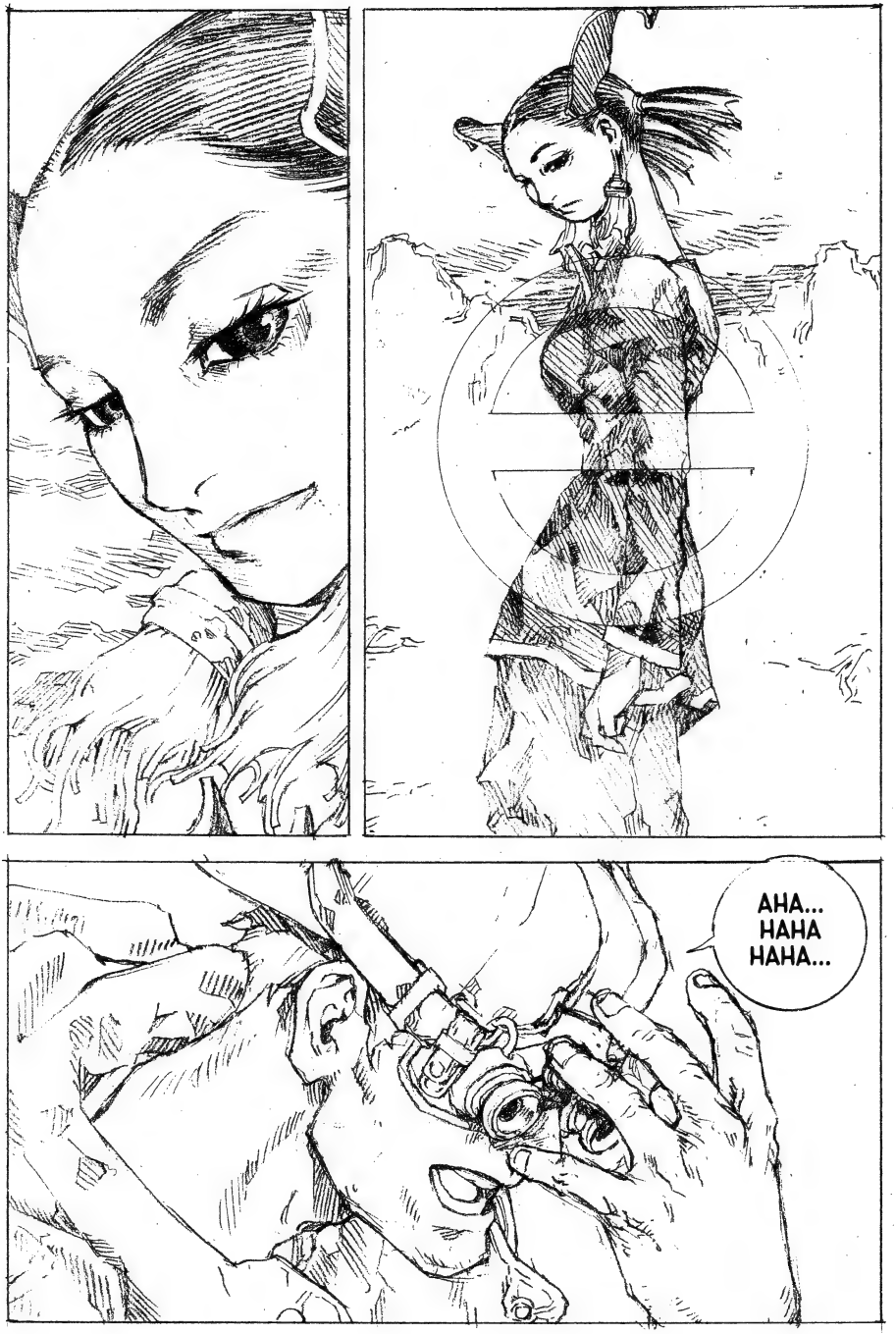
IT'S TOO LATE!
THIS WON'T CHANGE ANYTHING!
24
I TELL YOU, IT'S USELESS!!
IF A SINGLE GRAIN OF BARLEY FALLS TO THE GROUND AND DOESN'T DIE...

SUMMER VACATION WILL NOT END...
SUMMER VACATION... WILL NOT END!!

IT WAS ALL OVER BEFORE THE SUN REACHED ITS PEAK.
SIMONE'S SECOND CRIME... 11:06 A.M.
AND IT DIDN'T LOOK LIKE THERE WAS ANYTHING I COULD DO.
WAIT! YOU...YOU ARE--!!!
...AND TOOK PHOTOGRAPHS LIKE A FOOL.
SO I JUST STOOD THERE...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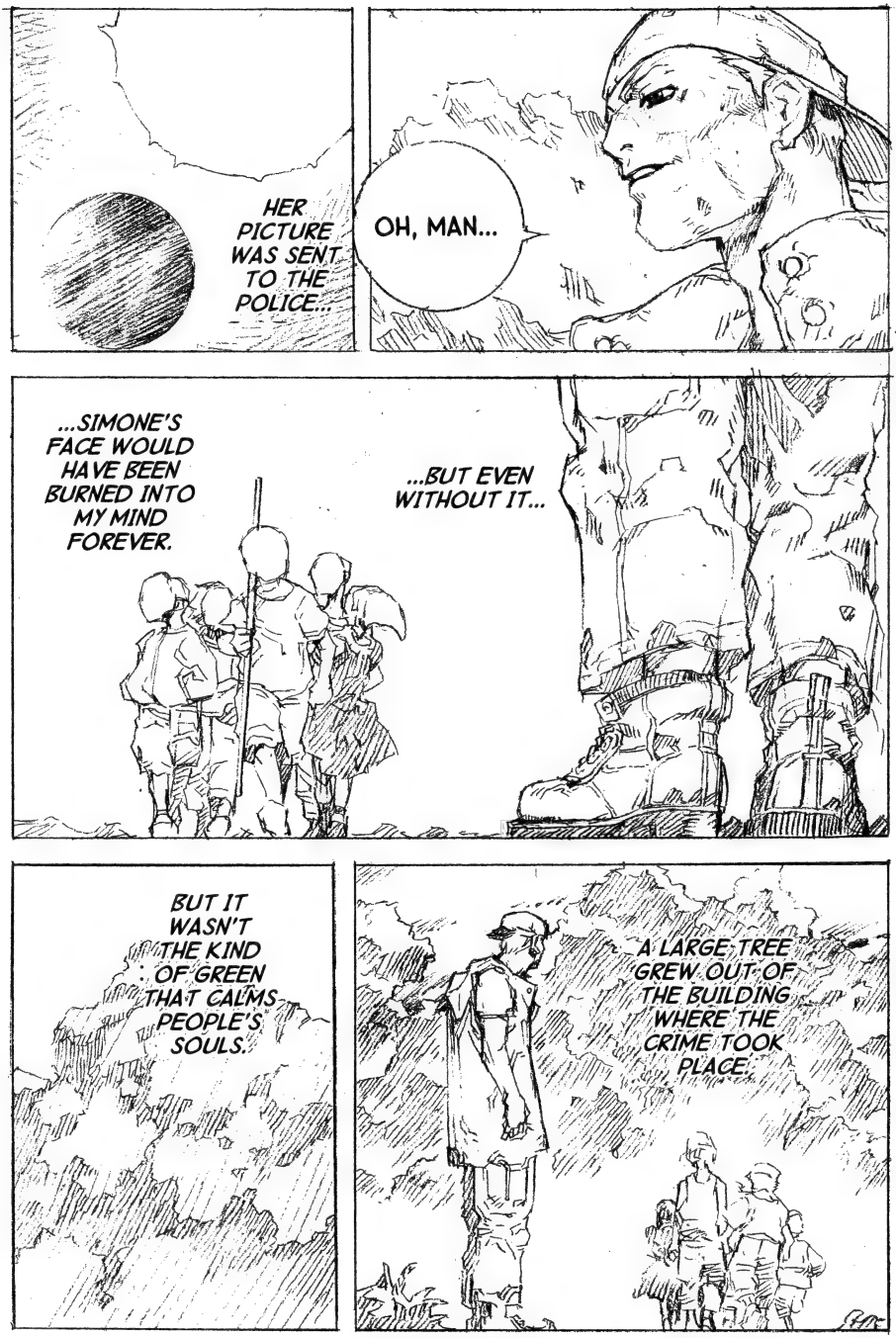
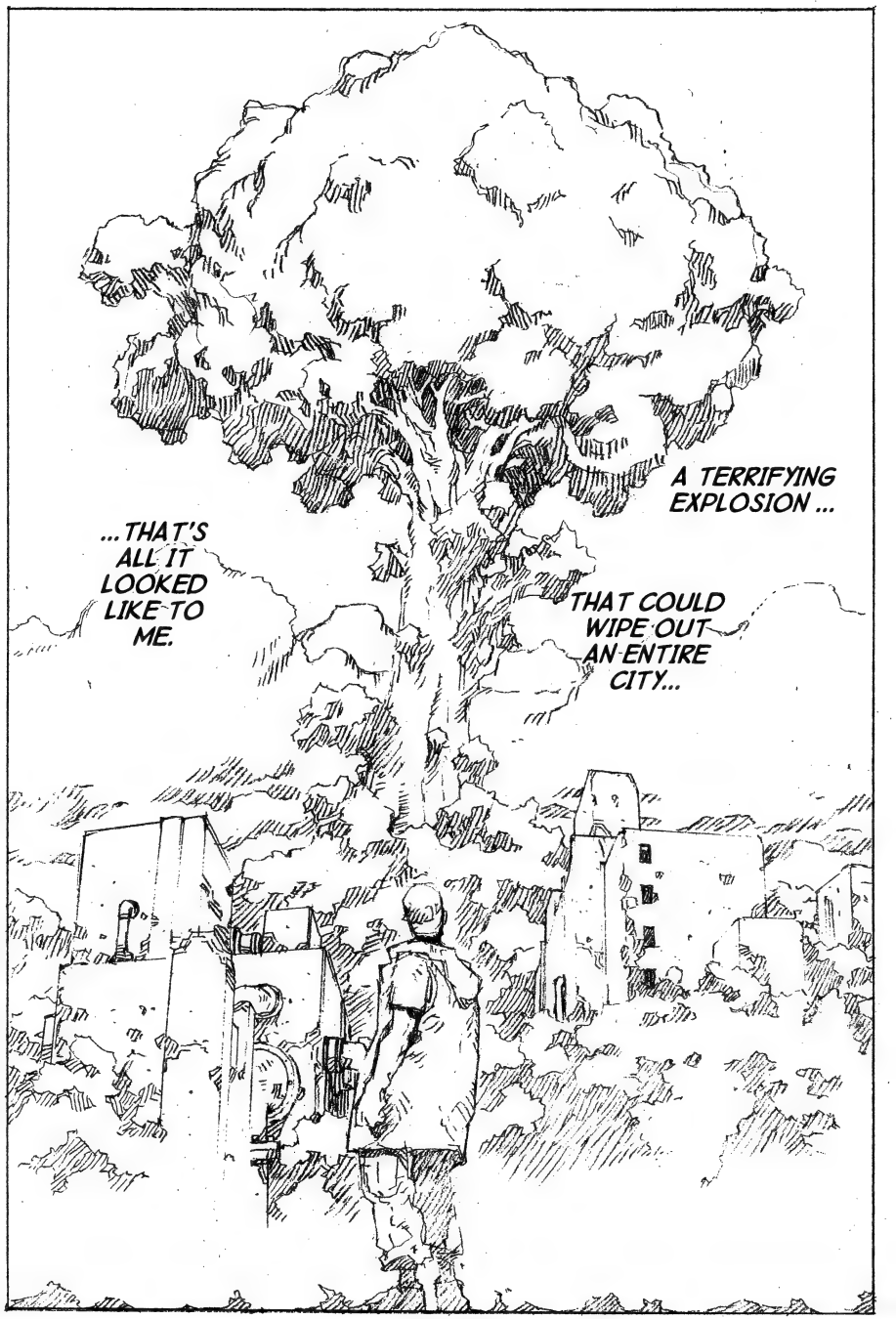
HAHA
HAHA...


HER PICTURE WAS SENT TO THE POLICE...
OH, MAN...
...SIMONE'S FACE WOULD HAVE BEEN BURNED INTO MY MIND FOREVER.
...BUT EVEN WITHOUT IT...
BUT IT WASN'T THE KIND OF GREEN THAT CALMS PEOPLE'S SOULS.
A LARGE TREE GREW OUT OF THE BUILDING WHERE THE CRIME TOOK PLACE.


A TERRIFYING EXPLOSION...
...THAT'S ALL IT LOOKED LIKE TO ME.
THAT COULD WIPE OUT AN ENTIRE CITY...

END

GAMEBOY SOFT KING of BANDIT JiNG GRAFiCS

GBソフト王ドロボウJING

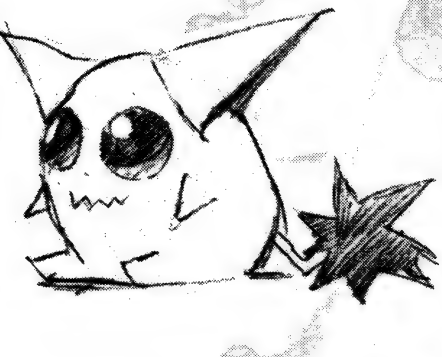
設定画集(2)

ChibiPoru (1)

A BABY PORVORA WITH A CUTE, INNOCENT EXPRESSION. EVEN AT THIS SIZE, ITS EXPLOSION IS QUITE DESTRUCTIVE. (SEE *JING: KING OF BANDITS*, VOL. 2)

HimePoru

THIS ONE IS SMALL, TOO, BUT FEMALE. THICKER LIPS AND EYELASHES ACTUALLY MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE.



ChibiPoru (2)

AN ALTERNATE DESIGN FOR CHIBIPORU THAT DIDN'T APPEAR IN THE GAME. I LOVE HOW HE'S SITTING SO STILL. BUT CAN HE ATTACK FROM THIS POSITION? IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HE'S PREPARED TO ATTACK...DOES IT?

DekaPoru

HE'S GROWN A LOT. BUT IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S TELLING EVERYONE TO STOP FIGHTING, RATHER THAN FIGHTING HIMSELF.

MamaPoru

WHEN THE HIMEPORU EVOLVES, IT BECOMES A MAMAPORU. IT STILL LOOKS CUTE, EVEN ALL GROWN UP AND WITH BABIES. BUT, AFTER ALL, MOMS ARE STRONG! I'M THINKING HER SCARY SIDE COMES OUT IN BATTLE...

MechaPoru

A STRANGE CREATION WITH A PLUG FOR A TAIL. BUT IT STILL MAINTAINS THE FEEL OF A PORVORA.

Higeporu (Hige-beard)

NOT REALLY CUTE ANYMORE AT THIS STAGE. KNOWN FOR ITS DROOPING EARS.

Cursed Bee

THE SKULL ON ITS CHEST IS ITS TRADEMARK. ITS RAISED HANDS SUGGEST ARROGANCE. THIS WAS CREATED BY COMBINING MOJI BEE AND CURSED SCROLL.

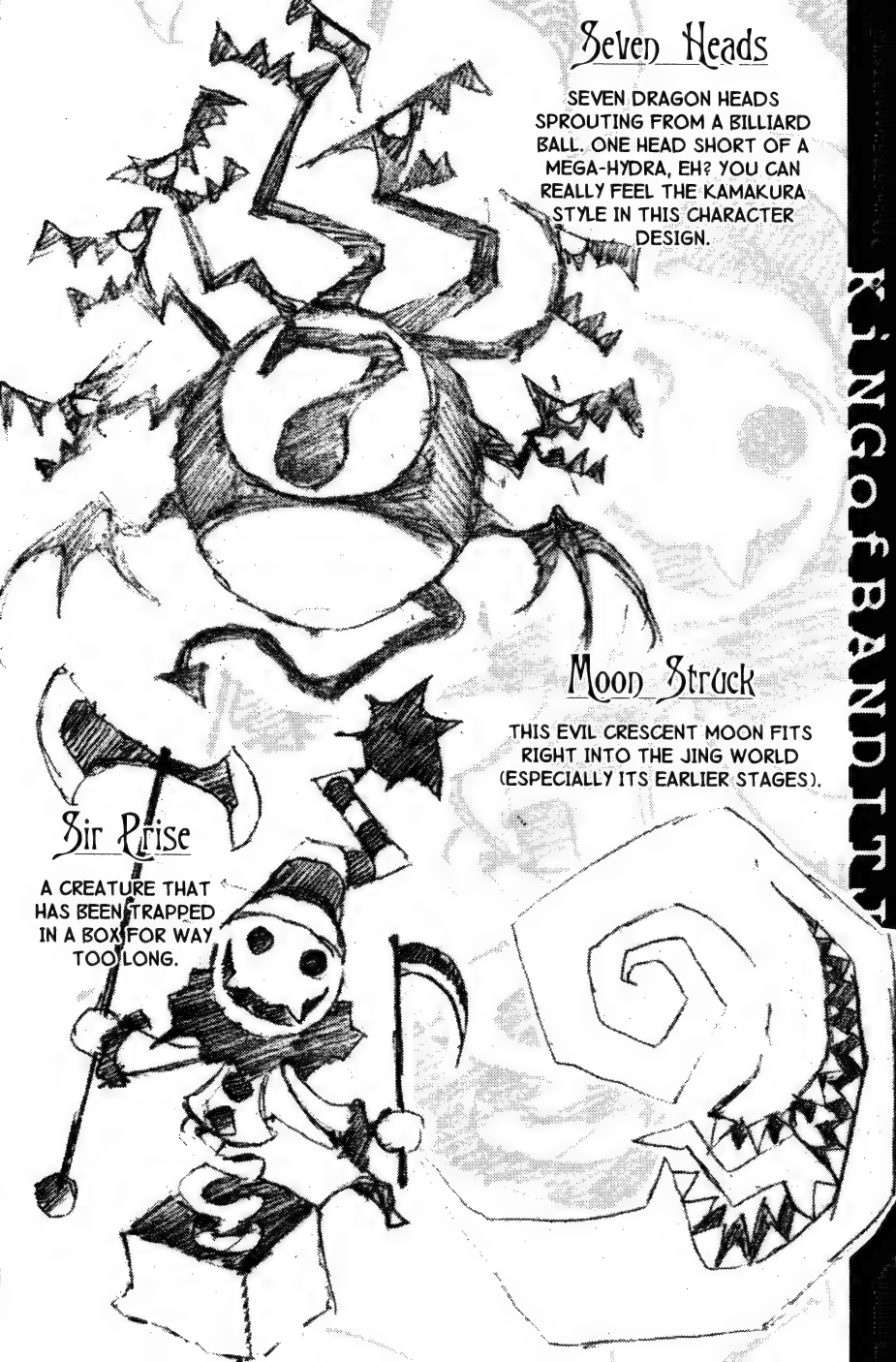
Space Bee

MORE OF A MYSTERIOUS CREATURE THAN AN ACTUAL BEE. DOESN'T EVEN HAVE WINGS...

Holy Bee

HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE HOLY, SO THE SUNGLASSES ARE A COOL TOUCH. CREATED BY COMBINING MOJI BEE AND HOLY SCROLL. MOJI BEE AND HIS FRIENDS SHOULD MAKE THOSE WHO'VE READ THE ORIGINAL SERIES SMILE.

Cursed Scroll
A WEIRD BOOK WITH A CREEPY FACE ON ITS COVER.
Holy Scroll
THIS PURE, HOLY BOOK IS THE EXACT OPPOSITE.
Queen Bee
THE QUEEN OF THE MOJI BEES, WHO APPEARED IN *JING: KING OF BANDITS, VOL. 3.* IN THE STORY, SHE WAS IN LOVE WITH JING. VERY REGAL AND GRACEFUL.


Seven Heads
SEVEN DRAGON HEADS SPROUTING FROM A BILLIARD BALL. ONE HEAD SHORT OF A MEGA-HYDRA, EH? YOU CAN REALLY FEEL THE KAMAKURA STYLE IN THIS CHARACTER DESIGN.
Moon Struck
THIS EVIL CRESCENT MOON FITS RIGHT INTO THE JING WORLD (ESPECIALLY ITS EARLIER STAGES).
Sir Prise
A CREATURE THAT HAS BEEN TRAPPED IN A BOX FOR WAY TOO LONG.

Fire Girl
A NORMAL-LOOKING GIRL WHO HAPPENS TO HAVE FIRE CANDY. SHE'LL BECOME A JEALOUS LADY WHEN SHE GROWS UP. SCARY!
Devil Shadow
A BIG-MOUTHED DEMONIC SHADOW. HE'LL GOBBLE YOU UP IF YOU DON'T PAY ATTENTION.
Naked King
THE ULTIMATE KING WITHOUT CLOTHES--OR SKIN, OR MUSCLES. HE RULES TOMB TOWN.

Eye Scream
DEFINITELY NOT THE TYPE YOU'D WANT TO PUT IN YOUR MOUTH. IN JING'S WORLD, NEITHER LIFE NOR CANDY IS SWEET.
Revolver
A LIVING GUN. THOUGH HIS MOUTH SEEMS SO BIG, HE PROBABLY COULDN'T AIM THAT WELL...
Chan De Lier
AS YOU CAN SEE, HE IS A CHANDELIER. BUT THOSE AREN'T LIGHTS IN HIS HANDS...THEY'RE BOMBS! HE MAY BE SMILING, BUT HE'S VERY DANGEROUS.

Mermaid Princess
A LOVELY MERMAID, BUT VERY SCARY WHEN SHE TRANSFORMS.
Dead Line
A CLOCK DEMON. THE LOWER WING IS ITS WEAPON. IT IS SAID TO APPEAR IN KUMAKURA'S HOME WHENEVER HE'S COMING UP ON A DEADLINE.
Pallet
A DECKED-OUT MONSTER! IT'S CREEPY HOW YOU CAN'T TELL WHETHER HE'S LAUGHING OR CRYING.

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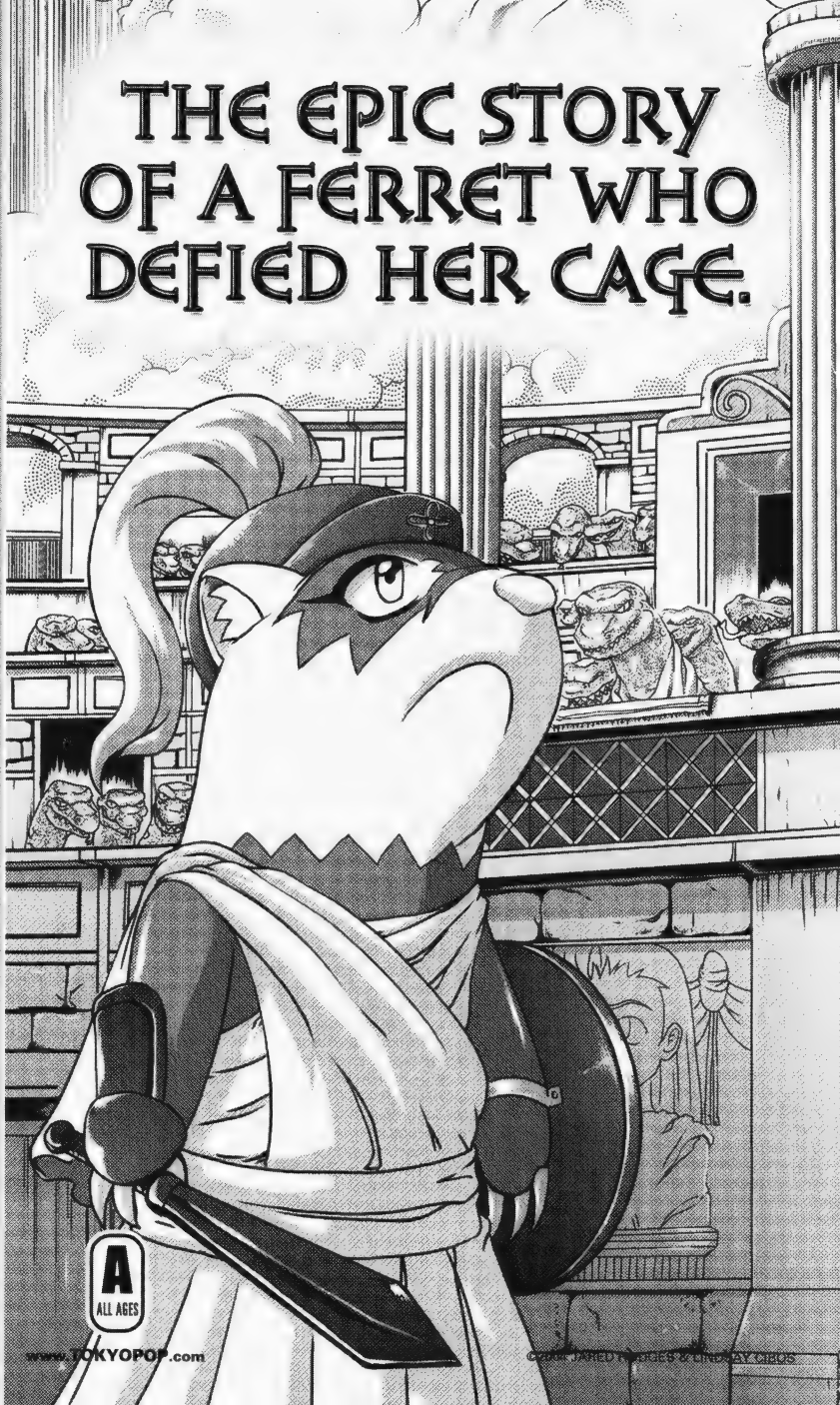

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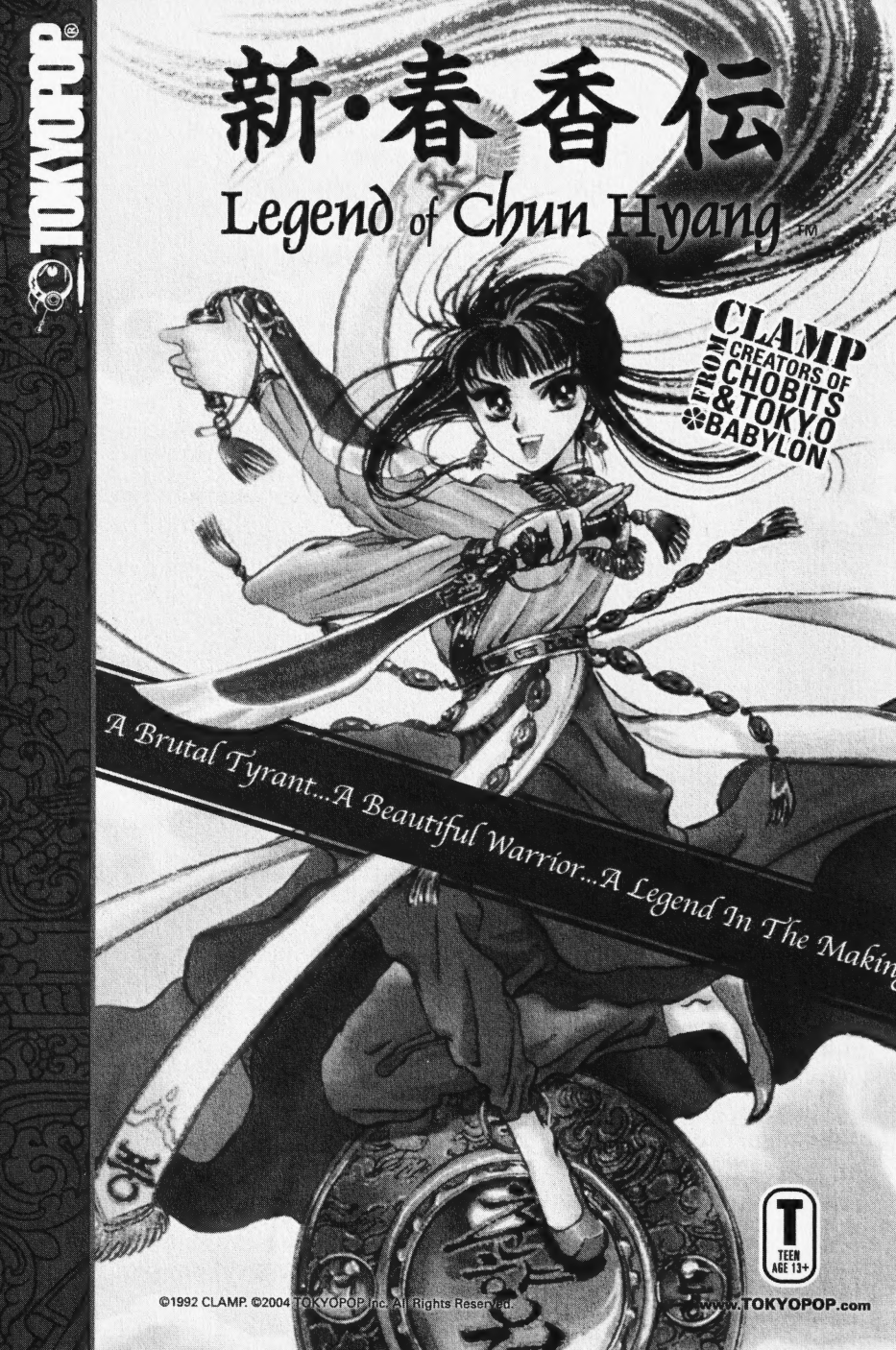
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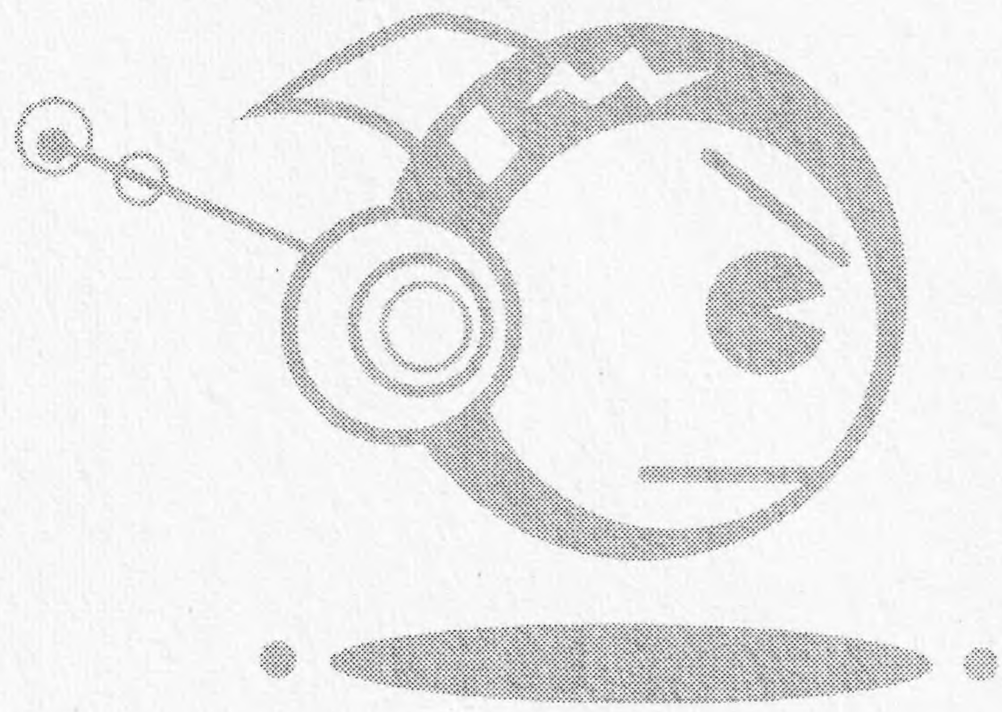

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